



## Jesus And The Thief On The Cross

**Luke 23:35-43** And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!"<sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine<sup>37</sup> and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"<sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"<sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"<sup>41</sup> And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."<sup>42</sup> And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."<sup>43</sup> And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

### The Cross Of Christ Reveals Excruciating Pain And Excruciating Love!

#### Jesus' Endurance Of The Mockers Displays His Incredible Love.

##### 1. He faced the mocking **LEADERS!**

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##### 2. He faced the mocking **SOLDIERS!**

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##### 3. He faced the mocking **DEMONS OF HELL!**

**Luke 22:3-4** Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve.<sup>4</sup> He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them.

**1 Corinthians 2:7-8** But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.<sup>8</sup> None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

**Matthew 4:8-9** Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.<sup>9</sup> And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

##### 4. He faced the mocking **THIEVES!**

Mark 15:32 ...Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

➤ He was mocked by the **HARDEN CRIMINAL!**

**Luke 23:39** One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

➤ He was embraced by the **REPENTANT CRIMINAL!**

#### Jesus' Saves!

1. Jesus' encounter with the repentant thief demonstrates without doubt salvation comes through **JESUS!**

**Luke 23:43** And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

2. Jesus' encounter with the repentant thief demonstrates without doubt salvation is ONLY by **GRACE!**

**Romans 11:6** But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

**JESUS SAYS TO YOU THE SAME THING HE SAID TO THE  
REPENTANT THIEF ON THE CROSS, TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME  
IN PARADISE!!!**