

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

THE END OF THE BEGINNING

"A Stranger in Paradise"

Luke 23:39-43

- I. THE RAILING THIEF (v.39)
 - A. He was a blameworthy man (v.39a)
 - B. He was a blasphemous man (v.39b)
 - C. He was a belligerent man (v.39c)
- II. THE REBUKING THIEF (vv.40-42)
 - A. He was a perceptive man (v.40)
 - B. He was a polluted man (v.41)
 - C. He was a praying man (v.42)
 - 1. He said "Lord"; recognizing
 - 2. He said "remember me"; requesting
 - 3. He said "when thou comest into thy kingdom"; realizing
- III. THE REPLY TO THE THIEF (v.43)
 - A. It was an infallible reply; "Verily"
 - B. It was an immediate reply; "Today"
 - C. It was an intimate reply; "Shalt be with me"
 - D. It was an incredible reply; "In paradise"

Six lessons learned from these verses:

- 1. Jesus can save anyone
- 2. It is never too late to be saved
- 3. Church ordinances do not save
- 4. You are not saved by good works
- 5. Saved people go immediately to heaven when they die
- 6. There is life after death