

Execution at Calvary

SURVEYING THE GREATNESS OR OUR SALVATION

LUKE 23:39-43

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#1 THE MAN ON THE LEFT	—the humble	v40-42
Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood sha	ll be shed, for in the image of God	He made man. Gen 9:6
The robbers who had been crucified with Him w	vere also insulting Him with the s	ame words. Matt 27:44
They are filled with all unrighteousness, wicked malice; they are gossips, slanderers, haters of disobedient to parents, without understanding, know the ordinance of God, that those who practite same, but also give hearty approval to those	God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerci ctice such things are worthy of d	inventors of evil, ful; and although they eath, they not only do
a) The sinner recognizes his	before God	
And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die a It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of		ent. Heb 9:27
b) The sinner sees	rightly	
c) The sinner cries out for		
#2 THE MAN IN THE MIDD	LE—the holy	v43
He was despised and forsaken of men, a man of whom men hide their face. He was despised, and		
He has come to seek and to save that which was	s lost. Luke 19:10	

For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Rom 5:8

through Him. John 3:17

[He is] mighty to save. Isaiah 63:1

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a)			
b)		– <mark>today</mark>	
c)		_ you shall be with Me	
d)		- <mark>in paradise</mark>	
The on	e who comes to Me I will ceri	tainly not cast out. John 6:37	
	My memory is nearly gone, but	t I remember two things, that I am a great sinner, and th a great SaviorJohn Newton	at Christ is
Take c	are, brethren, that there not	E RIGHT—the hardened be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that other day after day, as long as it is still called "Too itfulness of sin. Heb 3:12-13	falls away from
n him. of life,	For all that is in the world,	s in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love o the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and t is from the world. The world is passing away, and a es forever. 1 John 2:15-17	the boastful pride
Vow	What?????		
1.	If you love Jesus:	Him	
	_	Him	
		about Him	

Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light. Matt 11:28-30

. If you are not yet a Christian: Turn to Christ



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And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment. Heb 9:27 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Heb 10:31

- b) The sinner sees Christ rightly
- <mark>c) The sinner cries</mark> out for <u>mercy</u>

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#3 THE MAN ON THE RIGHT—the hardened rejecter v39

Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. Heb 3:12-13

Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever. 1 John 2:15-17

Now What?????

3. If you love Jesus:

Worship Him

Thank Him

Tell someone about Him

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