

The Shocking Salvation of Jesus Christ

Luke 23:39-43

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It was no accident that the Lord of glory was crucified between two thieves. There are no accidents in a world that is governed by God. Much less could there have been any accident on that Day of all days, or in connection with that Event of all events—a Day and an Event which lie at the very center of the world's history. No; God was presiding over that scene. From all eternity He had decreed when and where and how and with whom His Son should die. Nothing was left to chance or the whim of man. All that God had decreed came to pass exactly as He had ordained, and nothing happened except what He had eternally purposed. —A.W. Pink

1. The man on the left — _____ v40-42

Genesis 9:6 Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God He made man.

Matthew 27:44 The robbers who had been crucified with Him were also insulting Him with the same words.

- The sinner recognizes their _____ before God v40

Hebrews 9:27 And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment.

Hebrews 10:31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Matthew 10:28 Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

- The sinner sees _____ rightly v41

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

- The sinner cries out for _____ v42

2. The man in the middle — _____ v43

Luke 19:10 He has come to seek and to save that which was lost.

John 3:17 For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

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

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

The promise of Christ is:

- _____ – Truly I say to you
- _____ – today
- _____ – you shall be with Me
- _____ – in paradise

John 6:37 The one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

3. The man on the right — _____ v39

Hebrews 3:12-13 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.

Matthew 11:28-30 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.

