

## **THREE CROSSES ~ Luke 23:32-48**

### **JESUS FORGIVES THOSE NAILING HIM TO THE CROSS ~ Luke 23:32-38**

[32] Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. [33] When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals--one on his right, the other on his left. [34] Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. [35] The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One." [36] The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar [37] and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." [38] There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the Jews. (NIV)

### **APPLICATION**

### **JESUS FORGIVES THE CRIMINAL DYING NEXT TO HIM ~ Luke 23:35-43**

[39] One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" [40] But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? [41] We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." [42] Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." [43] Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise." (NIV)

#### **THE CONDEMNED CRIMINAL...**

- Rebukes the other criminal - vs. 40
- Calls Jesus God - vs. 40
- Recognizes His Own Guilt - vs. 41
- Declares Jesus' Innocence - vs. 41
- Asks to be Remembered in the Kingdom -vs. 42

#### **JESUS' RESPONSE...**

- Today you Will be with ME
- You will be WITH Me In PARADISE

### **APPLICATION**

#### **THREE CROSSES ON SKULL HILL:**

- Cross of Rejection
- Cross of Repentance
- Cross of Redemption

## JESUS FORGIVE ALL WHO COME TO HIM ~ Luke 23:44-48

[44] It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, [45] for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. [46] Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last. [47] The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man." [48] When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. (NIV)

## APPLICATION

*"Jesus paid it all  
All to Him I owe  
Sin had left a Crimson Stain  
He washed it white as Snow"*

## WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES ALL THIS MAKE???

### SEVEN SAYINGS OF JESUS ON THE CROSS

<i>"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."</i>	Luke 23:34
<i>"I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."</i>	Luke 23:43
Speaking to John and Mary, <i>"Dear woman, here is your son.. ..Here is your mother."</i>	John 19:26-27
<i>"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"</i>	Matt. 27:46 Mark 15:34
<i>"I am thirsty."</i>	John 19:28
<i>"It is finished."</i>	John 19:30
<i>"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."</i>	Luke 23:46

The statements that Jesus made from the cross have been treasured by all who have followed him as Lord. They demonstrate both his humanity and his divinity. They also capture the last moments of all that Jesus went through in order to offer us forgiveness.