

**LEARNING WITH LUKE 23:32-43** “**TIME FOR CRIMINALS**” P. 1050 PEW BIBLE

Luke 23:39-43 - One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into Your kingdom.” And He said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in paradise.”

**1- “FORGIVE THEM” - Jesus' prayer**

Luke 23:32-34 - *place of the skull*  
Matt 27:32-36 - *between robbers*  
Mark 15:21-26 - *wine and gall*  
John 19:16-24 - *lots & garments*  
Psalm 22:12-19 - *prophecied*  
Lk 22:37, Isa 53:12 - *transgressors*  
Micah 7:18, Lk 6:35, Acts 7:60 - *forgive*  
Acts 3:17, 4:25-28, 1 Cor 2:8 - *ignorance*  
Heb 13:12, Lev 24:14-23 - *outside the city*

*Christ's prophetic office made a remarkable prediction about impending judgment, and His kingly office was about to open the door of paradise to the penitent, but now His priestly office intercedes for those who crucified Him. -JC Ryle*

**2- “SAVE YOURSELF” - mocking rulers**

Luke 23:35-38 - *chosen Christ*  
Matt 27:37-44 - *king of the Jews*  
Mark 15:25-32 - *come down*  
John 19:19-22 - *the inscription*  
Luke 3:22, 9:18-27 - *Christ of God*  
Luke 9:28-36 - *My Chosen One*  
Psa 22:6-8, Isa 53:7-9 - *prophecied*

*Jesus would not save Himself because He was King of the Jews come to be Savior of all who believe in Him. -RC Sproul*

**3- “REMEMBER ME” - repentant sinner**

Luke 23:39-40 - *fear God*  
Luke 23:41-42 - *Your kingdom*  
Eph 2:1-10, Rom 11:6 - *by grace*  
Matt 20:1-16 - *the last first*

*Only the hope of forgiveness can lead to repentance. The dying thief rebuked the other criminal, confessed his guilt, recognized Jesus' innocence, sought mercy, and confessed Jesus' lordship. His heart was transformed. -SB Ferguson*

**4- “WITH ME TODAY” - the Redeemer**

Luke 23:43 - *in paradise*  
2Cor 12:3-4, Rev 2:7 - *the garden*  
Gen 2:8-9, 2Cor 5:1-10 - *with the Lord*

*One alone was saved upon the cross, that none might despair; and only one, that none might presume. -A. Maclaren*

**5- YOUR RESPONSE ? - repent & receive**

Romans 3:21-26 - *receive by faith*  
1Pet 2:19-25, 1Tim 1:13-14 - *grace*  
Acts 2:36-41 - *"save yourselves"*  
Acts 3:17-26 - *repent therefore*

*All of us, like the thieves, have sin IN us. But some of us have the penalty of sin resting ON us, and others have by grace had it shifted OVER to Christ. Is your sin on you, or on Christ, in Whom there is no sin? -RK Hughes*

**DAILY BIBLE READING ENGAGE~WORD~CHURCH~COMMUNITY~WORLD**

3-13 **Luke 23:32-43** - *crucified One*  
3-14 **Psalm 22:1-31** - *forsaken One*  
3-15 **Isaiah 53:1-12** - *suffering servant*  
3-16 **Luke 9:18-36** - *God's chosen One*  
3-17 **Acts 3:12-26** - *repent therefore*  
3-18 **1 Tim 1:12-17** - *believe in Him*  
3-19 **Matt 20:1-16** - *last shall be first*

*The Spirit of God works the Word of God so the people of God become like the Son of God*

♦ *How will I be transformed, by God's truth, in the Spirit's power, as I trust & obey?*

