

Looking Through the Eyes of the Thief on the Cross

Luke 23:32-43

Three crosses

- What the men on the left and right had in common

Four things they saw and heard (Luke 23:32-38)

1. What Jesus said (23:34)
2. What the rulers said (23:35)
3. What the soldiers said (23:37)
4. What the inscription said (23:38)

How the first thief/criminal responded (23:39)

- Railing at Jesus, yet hoping for salvation?

How the second thief/criminal responded (23:40-42)

- We're sinners

- Jesus isn't

- And He's a King

"Today you will be with me in paradise." (23:43)

Questions for further reflection and application:

1. Is there a part or detail of the crucifixion scene as told in Scripture that particularly impacts you? What is it?
2. Read Luke 23:32-43. Jesus is mocked and insulted in various ways and by many people. Is this important? How so? Consider Psalm 22:6-8; Is 53:3, 7; Heb 12:2.
3. The first person to convert *because of the cross of Jesus* is the thief. What does this tell us about our faith and the gospel? What does this tell us about the impact of Jesus?
4. How should the promise of paradise impact your life?