

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE  
JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

**LUKE CHAPTER 23:35-43**

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**“WITH ME IN PARADISE”**

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,  
THE SON OF GOD, SON OF MAN, SAVOIR OF ALL MANKIND*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Evangelism, Salvation, Judgment, Cross**

**Introduction to the Text;**

**Luke 23:35-43**

Goals are good things to have. If we don't have a goal, we cant monitor our progress, our success.

**Most all of the new cars today have GPS**

and with GPS comes a display that shows you  
The time of arrival at your destination.

**“65 miles to your destination, ETA 45 minutes”**

**as Christians our destination is heaven. Our  
ETA is any moment now.**

Jesus warned that - Not Having heaven set as your  
Destination was a foolish and negligent thing to do

**Matt. 24:42**

**Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.**

**? Have you entered “Heaven” into your “Destination” ?**

### Luke 23:35-43

And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them **sneered**, saying, **“He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God.”** :36 The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, :37 and saying, **“If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself.”** :38 And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew: **THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.** :39 Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, **“If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us.”** :40 But the other, **answering, rebuked** him, saying, **“Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? :41 And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.”** :42 Then he said to Jesus, **“Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.”** :43 And Jesus said to him, **“Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”**

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## WITH ME IN PARADISE

JESUS' PROMISE TO ALL WHO BELIEVE !

1.) Because of His **sacrifice** v.35-37

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## BECAUSE OF HIS SACRIFICE

1a.) **We** have come to understand

Verse 35a

And **the people** stood **looking on**....

All of this falls perfectly in line with what have been learning...  
That Jesus Christ was the lamb of God, sacrificed for our sins.

## The age old pattern of God;

Lev. 17:11

For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it *is* the blood *that* makes atonement for the soul.'

## Jesus **as** our Sacrifice – – **is** our Atonement

(at-one-ment or oneness with God)

“they stood **looking on**”

*gewre+ w theoreo, theh-o reh'-o;*

to become mute, silent as a spectator. Deep consideration, to perceive to discern.

(waking up to a reality which causes a profound silence)

Is. 53:1

Who has **believed** our report?

Is. 52:14

Just as many were **astonished** at you,

Is. 52:15

so will he sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand. Their thoughts had to turn inward toward themselves But in a different way – with shock and awe !!!

1Pet. 1:19

but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

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## BECAUSE OF HIS SACRIFICE

1b.) We have come to appreciate

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### Verse 35b

But even **the rulers** with them **sneered**, saying, *“He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God*

in this, they **belittle, devalue** His message of salvation. They are **broadcasting doubt & shame** upon him as Christ.

#### sneered

Is to “tilt the head back” in an exaggerated form.

It’s a middle east expression of disgust

It was to communicate a sense superiority, control or power over another

#### 1Cor. 2:2

For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

#### 1Cor. 1:21-24

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. :22 For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; :23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, :24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

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**BECAUSE OF HIS SACRIFICE**

1c.) We have come to honor

Verse 36-37

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The **soldiers** also **mocked** Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, :37 and saying, "**If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself.**"

Here, they **mock, ridicule** His message of Lordship. They are making fun his authority, that He is the King.

#### John 1:10-12

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. :11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. :12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

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## WITH ME IN PARADISE

*JESUS' PROMISE TO ALL WHO BELIEVE!*

2.) Because of His **mission**

**v.38-41**

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## BECAUSE OF HIS MISSION

## 2a.) Jesus is the Lord of All

### Verse 38

And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew: **THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

This is both excellent and very much a warning.

**Over 33 years ago, before these events;**

#### Matt. 2:1-2

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, :2 saying, "**Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?**"

That was the banner that constantly fly over Him.  
People could "**Judge**" Him, "**Evaluate**" Him, "**Test**" Him

**??? Can Jesus Christ Deliver The Goods – Today ???**

#### John 21:25

And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

#### **The People Could Judge Him...**

**Greek** was the language of the common man.  
It was the common **Scholastic** language of the day

#### **The Authorities Could Evaluate Him...**

The **Latin** was the language of the Roman Empire.  
It was the common **Political** language of the day

#### **The Religious Could Test Him...**

**Hebrew** was the language of the Jewish people as it is today.  
It was the common **Religious** language of the day

It's in these three realms is where man believes that he can rescue or save or rehabilitate himself.

**John 19:21-22**

Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, *"Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, 'I am the King of the Jews.'"* :22 Pilate answered, *"What I have written, I have written."*

Out of the Mouth of Rome, Governor Pontus Pilate,  
These words were Legal & Thus recorded throughout the world.

"we can **attempt to** rescue ourselves by **education**" - "we can **attempt to** rescue ourselves by **politics**" - "we can **attempt to** rescue ourselves by **religion**" -

**But without Jesus Christ as Lord in Your Life,**

You're as **secular** as the world or worse. worse because, a manmade philosophy of education, politics or religion will lead to death.

**Psa. 2:6**

"I the Lord have set **My King** (The Lord) **On My holy hill of Zion.**" :7 "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have **begotten** You. - **yalad**, yaw-lad to present, bring forth !!!

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**BECAUSE OF HIS MISSION**

**2b.) Jesus is the Christ of God**

*Verse 39*

:39 Then **one of the criminals** who were hanged **blasphemed** Him, saying, *"If You are the Christ, **save Yourself and us,***

with this, the criminal accuses Jesus of being evil, of wrong doing. he sees the messianic ministry of Jesus Christ, as a joke.

**blasphemed:** *blaspheme + w* **blasphemeo**, *blas-fay-meh'-o*; to vilify; to accuse someone of evil-doing, to slander.

### “Jesus Cant Save Himself or Us”

This Man is a Forerunner of Those in Our Day.  
A mind without God, becomes a criminal mind.  
It's the word “Fugitive” meaning: to be on the run !

It's a way of thinking, it's a logic that's **polluted** and **reprobate**. This man and people like him see things upside down, inside out, abnormal. To them, what is good is bad. what makes sense, makes no sense to them... they cant think past or bigger than themselves !

#### Isaiah 5:20

**Woe** to those who call **evil good**, and **good evil**; Who put **darkness** for **light**, and **light** for **darkness**; Who put **bitter** for **sweet**, and **sweet** for **bitter**!

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## BECAUSE OF HIS MISSION

2c.) Jesus is the **Judge of Man**

Verse40- 41

But **the other**, answering, rebuked him, saying, *“Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under **the same condemnation**? And we indeed **justly**, for we receive the due **reward** of our **deeds**; but this Man has done nothing wrong.*



Note Here The Value of Knowing Your Bible:

**Matt. 27:44**

Even **the robber(s)** who were crucified with Him  
**Reviled-blasphemed** Him with the same thing.

The day began with both of these men attacking Jesus.

This is perhaps the most wonderful event in man's history.

Let me explain – this man's **mind** was **changed** while being on the cross.  
This mans **consciencs** was **convicted**. This man's **heart** awakens to **belief**

Without dr. Luke mentioning the “key” word, the actions speak louder; This man has “**changed course**” or **repented** right before our eyes!

*metanoeō* = **metanoeo**, *met-an-o-eh'-o*;

to think differently or afterthought, to reconsider your heading or direction.

what's implied here is that **he looked at Jesus**. Then he  
**looked at himself**, looked **at his neighbor** and then **looked at Jesus**

and **concluded** in a matter of moments – I am a sinful man. He is not.

He Begins to See - The Biblical Jesus Christ.

**Psa. 9:19-20**

Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let **the heathen** be judged in thy sight. :20  
Put them in fear, O LORD: that the nations may know  
themselves to be but men.

**As Judge, He is Awesome and Terrifying**

**Rev. 2:18**

These things says **the Son of God**, who has **eyes like a flame of fire**,

**Rev. 19:12**

His eyes were like a flame of fire,

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## WITH ME IN PARADISE

*JESUS' PROMISE TO ALL WHO BELIEVE !*

3.) Because of His **invitation**

v.42-43

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## BECAUSE OF HIS INVITATION

3a.) **Faith** is awakened

Verse 42

Then he said to Jesus, “**Lord**, (don’t) **remember me...**”

Wait, you want Me to remember you?

You’re a crook, a thief, a scum ball, a low life

Remarkable:

he had no good works for Jesus to remember.

Yet he says, “remember me” – why?

## What an astounding thing to say !

This man is saying the impossible. He is saying that Jesus has a future. He is putting his faith in a **suffering Lord**. A **dying Christ**, a **condemned Judge**

**remember** is to hold or to store in memory. to not forget someone.

Think of that. This man recognizes that in Jesus Christ is something forever.

that whoever Jesus Christ is – Death will not be the end of Him.

## **This amazes me in allot of ways but;**

To me it's a terrifying thing and a wonderful things that;  
Jesus was in the middle of two condemned men. Each of them guilty. Each of  
the responsible. Each of the them dying...

These Men are **“Equal Distance”** from Jesus Christ  
These Men have **“Equal Opportunity”** to get to Jesus Christ

**Luke 23:33**

**there they crucified Him**, and the criminals,  
one on His right hand and the other on His left.

One man, rails and mocks and says **“get me down from here”**  
The other man, humbly cries out **“Jesus, take me up from here”**

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## **BECAUSE OF HIS INVITATION**

**3b.) Hope is anticipated**

*Verse 42b*

Then he said to Jesus, **“Lord, remember me...  
when You come into Your kingdom.”**

**Jesus says to him – no, I'm not going  
to have to remember you. - - because you're coming with me now !**

Did this sinner have any **“bragging-rights”** that day ?

**“But why did Jesus have to die on the cross?”**

**...and the answer is... Eph. 2:7-9**

...that in the ages to come God might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. :8 For **by grace** you have been saved **through faith**, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, :9 not of works, **lest anyone should boast.**

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## BECAUSE OF HIS INVITATION

**3c.) Love is conquer**

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**Verse 43**

And **Jesus** said to him, **“Assuredly, I say to you,  
today you will be with Me in Paradise.”**

Today you will be with me in the **Para’desi’mos,  
The Garden of God.**

**Rev. 2:7**

**“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.”**

**Assuredly,**  
(amen, am-ane)

**I say to you,**  
(to order, by authority, authorized)

**Today**

(this very day, not some other day)

**you will be with Me**

(to hold the hand, to no part)

**in Paradise.**

(destination -

**I have a question**

**Is it possible that God the Father begins to stir this man's heart to reconsider Jesus Christ right then and there?**

**Is it possible that the father was giving Jesus a gift as it were – this man's soul as a reward for His labor?**

**Psa. 2:8**

Ask of me, and I shall give thee **the heathen** for your inheritance,

Tell me, who do you know **in this world**  
that would **forgive** you in an instant?

Tell me, who do you know **in this world**  
that would have this **effect** on you in an instant?

**It would take someone "not of this world" to do such a thing**  
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**It would take someone "not of this world" to do such a thing**

**2Cor. 6:1-2**

As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. :2 For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." ***I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.***

**Now!**

