

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, SAVIOR OF ALL MANKIND*

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

Most all 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

Matthew 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 were 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.”**

WITH ME IN PARADISE

JESUS' PROMISE TO ALL WHO BELIEVE!

1.) Because of His sacrifice

vs. 35-37

1a.) We have come to understand

vs. 35a

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

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

The age-old pattern of God.

Leviticus 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**”

qewre÷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)

Isaiah 53:1

Who has **believed** our report?

Isaiah 52:14

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

Isaiah 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!!!

1 Peter 1:19

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

BECAUSE OF HIS SACRIFICE

1b.) We have come to appreciate vs. 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 of superiority, control or power over another

1 Corinthians 2:2

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

1 Corinthians 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.

BECAUSE OF HIS SACRIFICE

1c.) We have come to honor

vs. 36-37

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 of 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:

WITH ME IN PARADISE

JESUS' PROMISE TO ALL WHO BELIEVE!

2.) Because of His mission

vs. 38-41

2a.) Jesus is the Lord of All

vs. 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.

Matthew 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 flew 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 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 Pontius 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.

Psalm 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!!!

BECAUSE OF HIS MISSION

2b.) Jesus is the Christ of God vs. 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 wrongdoing. he sees the messianic ministry of Jesus Christ, as a joke.

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

"Jesus Can't 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 can't 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**!

BECAUSE OF HIS MISSION

2c.) Jesus is the Judge of Man vs. 40-41

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:

Matthew 27:44

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

The day began with both 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 man’s **conscience** 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 is 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.

Psalm 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

Revelation 2:18

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

Revelation 19:12

His eyes were like a flame of fire,

WITH ME IN PARADISE

JESUS' PROMISE TO ALL WHO BELIEVE!

3.) Because of His invitation

vs. 42-43

3a.) Faith is awakened

vs. 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 a lot of ways but...

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

BECAUSE OF HIS INVITATION

3b.) Hope is anticipated

vs. 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.**

BECAUSE OF HIS INVITATION

3c.) Love is conquered

vs. 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.**

Revelation 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)
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?

Psalm 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

2 Corinthians 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.***

“””””””””So which thief are you today?”””””””””

“Well, I have never been so insulted in my life pastor.”

But that's not what I asked you – which thief are you today?

Because you are either the thief that's giving back his life to Jesus or you're the thief that continues to steal from Jesus.

So which one are you?

End of Study