

**Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"Word Of Salvation"
Luke 23:39-43
Study-102**

2nd Word - "The Word of Salvation" Luke 23:43

1st Word Was **A Prayer For His Enemies**, Now the **2nd Word** Is **The Answer To His Prayer**, (repentant sinner)

"Seven Last Words of Jesus" are extremely important to us because of, **the Person (Jesus), who spoke them!**

"Seven Last Words of Jesus" are extremely important to us, because of **the Place Jesus spoke them!** Jesus was **accomplishing His greatest work**, and He uttered some of **the greatest words!**

**Luke 23 The Death of Jesus Christ:
Verses 1-25 The Civil Trials
Verses 26-46 His Crucifixion**

Our passage is recorded exclusively in Luke 23:39-43

Thought Of The Passage: "The Word Of Salvation Reminds Us That The Worst Of Sinners May Believe By Faith And Receive Salvation"

- 1. Miraculous Setting:**
- 2. Miraculous Supplication:**
- 3. Miraculous Salvation:**

1. Miraculous Setting:

Luke 23:33 Only the Gospel of Luke records the conversion of the one criminal!

criminal - "*wrong, or, wicked*" This is the classic bad guy who was rotten through and through. (Revolutionist, Terrorist, Jewish Underground)

Matthew 27:44 The robbers who had been crucified with Him

robbers - the Greek word means "*one who uses violence to rob openly*"
These Robbers represent all of sinful humanity (sinners)
Romans 3:23

Jesus Crucified With Two Criminals Fulfills Scripture: one on the right and the other on the left.

Mark 15:27-28; 700 Years Before - Isaiah 53:12

**The Most Holy should die with those who were Most Unholy!
Matthew 1:21; Matthew 20:28**

God's Gracious Providence Upon The Cross: Providence –
"foreknowledge, seeing beforehand" No accidents with God.

Luke 23:39 One of the criminals

Both Criminals Prayed: (Petition Jesus)

Mark 15:32

Luke 23:40 and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, he
not only stops mocking Jesus but now he is rebuking his partner in crime.

since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?
Hebrews 9:27

Verse 41 Criminal Confessed Sinfulness And His Just Condemnation:
we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we
deserve for our deeds;

He Acknowledged The Sinless Deity Of Christ: man has done
nothing wrong."

Suggest 5 things that possibly brought this criminal to his senses?

- 1. When Jesus Spoke Forgiveness: Luke 23:34**
- 2. Jesus' Relationship To God: "Father,**
- 3. Jesus Uttered No Words Of Revenge: 1 Peter 2:22-23**
- 4. Both Criminals Could Read The Inscription Above His Head:**
Luke 23:38
- 5. The Criminal Being Confronted With His Own Mortality:**

No one is ever saved by accident. 1 Timothy 2:3-4

Luke 23:41 but this man has done nothing wrong."

A Change Of Mind And Heart Wants Others To Change Too

2. Miraculous Supplication:

Luke 23:42 And he was saying, (*Requesting In Prayer*) This is what is
truly called, **"A Deathbed Conversion"**

Thief Surrendered To Jesus As Lord: "Jesus, remember me or simply
said, *"Save me!" "Have mercy on me!"* **Matthew 5:3**

Thief Acknowledge Jesus As Lord, He Has The Kingdom: when You come in Your kingdom!" Romans 10:12

The Man Admitted That He Feared God: Luke 23:40 "Do you not even fear God,

The Man Admitted His Guilt: Luke 23:41

The Man Knew That Jesus Would Return And That Jesus Was A King Over A Kingdom: "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!"

Ephesians 2:8-9 (The Gift is Not Faith But The Gift Is Salvation)

No man is beyond hope of redemption in whose soul still lingers some fear of God.

3. Miraculous Salvation:

Luke 23:43

A Certain And Secure Salvation: And He said to him, "Truly I say "This is an absolute truth, this is a true statement!" We have the assurance of His Word. 1 John 5:13

Luke 19:10

Salvation Is Personal: "Truly I say to you, Galatians 2:20

**Salvation Is Present Tense: today Salvation is now!
This is a death blow to the false doctrine of "Soul Sleeping"**

**Salvation Is Exclusive In Jesus Christ: you shall be with Me
1 Corinthians 1:9**

Life Continues After Physical Death:

**Salvation Is Glorious: in Paradise." Paradise is a Persian word meaning "a walled garden, garden place, a place of beauty and repose"
Paradise Used two times in NT 2 Corinthians 12:4 "caught up into paradise" Revelation 2:7 eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.'**

2 Corinthians 5:8; John 14:1-3

The Way of Salvation Is Amazingly Simple: The man was saved simply by asking the Lord to save him. Romans 10:13

This Word From The Cross Reminds Us That The Worst Of Sinners May Be Saved:

The Dying Thief Teaches That Salvation Doesn't Depend On Religious Ceremonies, Good Deeds or Any Contribution From Man: Romans 6:23

When It Came To The Choice Of Rebellion Or Repentance For The Dying Thieves It Was Irreversible: It was now or never.

Application:

- 1.** Genuine Conversion Must Be Preceded By The Realization Of Our Sinfulness, Then Taking Responsibility For Our Own Actions. Repentance, Then Faith Towards God:
- 2.** No One Knows The Time Of His Or Her Death. Millions Die Unexpectedly Without A Minutes Warning To Think About God: **2 Corinthians 6:2**
- 3.** Most People Who Reject The Gospel When They Are Healthy Also Reject It When It Is Time To Die. As We Get Older Our Hearts Move Closer To God Or Further Away. (Remember The Other Thief) **Hebrews 2:3**
- 4.** There Is A Dual Tug Upon All Persons. The Eternal Pull Of Evil, And The Eternal Pull Of God's Spirit. No Neutrality! **Isaiah 55:6-7**