

**Series "The Seven Words"**  
**"The Word Of Salvation"**  
**Luke 23:43**  
**Word-2**

**Luke 23:33-43**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Word, "The Word of Salvation." Luke 23:43 – "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."**

1<sup>st</sup> Word Was A Prayer for His Enemies. Now the **2<sup>nd</sup> Word** Is The Answer To His Prayer (repentant sinner).

**"The Seven Words":**

1<sup>st</sup> Word – "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do" – Luke 23:34.

2<sup>nd</sup> Word – "You will be with Me in Paradise" – Luke 23:43.

3<sup>rd</sup> Word – "Woman, behold your son!" – John 19:26-27.

4<sup>th</sup> Word – "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" – Matthew 27:46.

5<sup>th</sup> Word – "I thirst!" – John 19:28.

6<sup>th</sup> Word – "It is finished!" – John 19:30.

7<sup>th</sup> Word – "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit'" – Luke 23:46.

**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

The term "criminal" – "wrong, or, wicked;" Revolutionist, Guerrilla Fighter, Jewish Underground.

Matthew 27:44 – "robbers" – The Greek word means "one who uses violence to rob openly." These Robbers represent all of sinful humanity that have robbed God of what is rightfully His! 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 On The Cross: Providence – "foreknowledge, seeing beforehand;" No accidents with God. God has appointments. Both criminals could watch and hear Jesus!

Luke 23:39

Mark 15:32

Luke 23:40

"since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

Luke 23:41

Genuine conversion must be preceded by the realization of our sinfulness and thus taking responsibility for our own actions. (Repentance)

"but this man has done nothing wrong." – Something of the way that Jesus conducted Himself must have convicted one of the thieves of his own vileness.

**Suggest 5 things that brought this criminal to his senses:**

- 1. When Jesus Spoke Forgiveness:** Luke 23:34 – This man himself needed forgiveness!
- 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 – First Gospel tract written in 3 languages.
- 5. The Criminal Being Confronted With His Own Mortality.**

No one is ever saved by accident. God sets up situations in order to give us opportunities to trust in Him: 1 Timothy 2:3-4.

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

## **2. Miraculous Supplication:**

Luke 23:42 – “And he was saying,” – Requesting In Prayer.

“Jesus, remember me” – or simply said, “Save me!”

“when You come in Your kingdom!” – He was not wanting deliverance from his pain but salvation from his sins! The other thief wanted deliverance from the cross!

The Man Admitted That He Feared God – Luke 23:40.

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!”

Salvation Is A Gracious Gift From God: Criminal knew he was lost and had no hope of saving himself.

Ephesians 2:8-9

## **3. Miraculous Salvation:**

Luke 23:43

Certain And Secure In 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!

Salvation Is Centered In Jesus Christ: “you shall be with Me” – Salvation is Jesus Christ! 1 Corinthians 1:9

Life Continues After Physical Death.

Salvation Is Glorious: “in Paradise.” – Paradise is a Persian word meaning “a walled garden.”

John 14:1-3

## **This Word From The Cross Teaches Some Wonderful Truths:**

The Way of Salvation Is Amazingly Simple.

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 Irrevocable: It was now or never.

### **Application:**

1. Genuine Conversion Must Be Preceded By The Realization Of Our Sinfulness, The Taking Of 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 Minute's 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 – "how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?"
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