

### 73. Thief Was Saved at the Cross

**Luke 23: 32-47 AMP**

Two criminals were led out to be put to death with Jesus. When the soldiers came to the place called "The Skull," they nailed Jesus to a cross. They also nailed the two criminals to crosses, one on each side of Jesus. Jesus said, "Father, forgive these people! They don't know what they're doing." While the crowd stood there watching Jesus, the soldiers gambled for his clothes. The leaders insulted him by saying, "He saved others. Now he should save himself, if he really is God's chosen Messiah!"

The soldiers made fun of Jesus and brought him some wine. They said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself!"

Above him was a sign that said, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals hanging there also insulted Jesus by saying, "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and save us!"

But the other criminal told the first one off, "Don't you fear God? Aren't you getting the same punishment as this man? We got what was coming to us, but he didn't do anything wrong." Then he said to Jesus, "Remember me when you come into power!"

Jesus replied, "I promise that today you will be with me in paradise."

Around noon the sky turned dark and stayed that way until the middle of the afternoon. The sun stopped shining, and the curtain in the temple split down the middle. Jesus shouted, "Father, I put myself in your hands!" Then he died. When the Roman officer saw what had happened, he praised God and said, "Jesus must really have been a good man!"

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| AFTERNOON | HANGING  | SHINING  |
| BEEN      | INSULTED | SKULL    |
| CLOTHES   | KING     | SKY      |
| CRIMINALS | MIDDLE   | SOLDIERS |
| CROSS     | OFFICER  | SPLIT    |
| CURTAIN   | PARADISE | STOPPED  |
| DARK      | PRAISED  | TODAY    |
| FIRST     | PROMISE  | WATCHING |
| FORGIVE   | REALLY   | WINE     |
| GAMBLED   | ROMAN    | YOURSELF |