

March 25, 2018
Luke 23:39-43

LOOKING TO CALVARY

I. Introduction:

II. Look And See A Hardened Sinner

““One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" Luke 23:39

- His Deeds: A Criminal, and evil doer
- His Derision: He hurls insults at Jesus
- His Doubts: “He saved others, let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.” Luke 23:35

III. Look And See An Honest Sinner:

“But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? [41] We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." [42] Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Luke 23:40-42

- His Admission: We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” Luke 23:41
- His Assessment: See Isaiah 53:7; Luke 23:34,38
- His Appeal: He asks to be saved. “Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom” Luke 23:42

IV. Look And See A Holy Savior

"I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."
Luke 23:43

- His Grief: God made him who knew no sin to be sin for us, so that in him, we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Corinthians 5:21
- His Grace: For the Son of man came to seek and to save what was lost." Luke 19:10
- His Guarantee: "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43

POINTS TO PONDER Week of March 26th Luke 23:26-43

Open It

1. When have you had to endure teasing or abuse?
2. *How were you dependent on your parents when you were young?

Explore It

3. Why did the soldiers seize Simon of Cyrene? (23:26)
4. What do the soldiers' actions reveal about Jesus' condition? (23:26)
5. Why did such a large crowd gather? (23:27)

6. How did many of the women respond to Jesus' impending death? (23:27)
7. How did Jesus treat the women mourning for Him? (23:28-31)
8. Why did Jesus tell the women to weep for themselves? (23:28-31)
9. What did Jesus mean when He said, "If men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?" (23:31)
10. What do Jesus' words on the cross reveal about His character? (23:34)
11. How was Jesus treated by others while He was hanging on the cross? (23:35-39)
12. *What did the first criminal demand of Jesus? (23:39)
13. *What request did the second criminal on the cross make of Jesus? (23:42)
14. *How did Jesus respond to the criminal's plea? (23:43)

Get It

15. What can you learn from the actions of the repentant criminal?
16. Why didn't both criminals plead for mercy from Jesus?
17. What prevents many people from turning to Jesus?
18. What do Jesus' words to the repentant criminal reveal about conversion?

19. *In what way are we all like the criminals on the cross?
20. *For what do we need to approach Jesus?
21. For what are we dependent on God?
22. How does Jesus' response to His approaching death set an example for all Christians?
23. What does this passage teach you about forgiveness?
24. How should we imitate Christ's example of forgiveness?
25. Why did Jesus choose not to save Himself from His suffering on the cross?
26. Toward what people do you need to follow Christ's example of forgiveness?

Apply It

27. With what prayer could you say thank you to Jesus this week for His gift of salvation?
28. *How can you place a new area of your life in Christ's hands?