

CRIES from the CROSS

Lesson Two • Luke 23:32-43

A Cry of Salvation

Jesus' Second Cry from the Cross Is...

An **ANSWER** to His first cry for forgiveness of the undeserving!

Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." Luke 23:34

A cry that **SAVES** a helpless and hopeless rebel!

Then Jesus said, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." Luke 23:43

Are You a Rebel at Heart without Any Hope?

- 1. These men were EVIL DOERS.** *Luke 23:32-33, 39*
- 2. These men were LAWLESS.** *Luke 22:37; Isaiah 53:12*
- 3. These men were REBELS.** *Matthew 27:38, 44*
"Am I some dangerous revolutionary," he asked, "that you come with swords and clubs to arrest me? Why didn't you arrest me in the temple? I was there every day." Luke 22:52 NLT
- 4. These men were probably TERRORISTS.** *Mark 15:7; John 18:40*
And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. Mark 15:7

How Christ Saves Hopeless Rebels Like Us

- 1. REPENT of Sin Like the Rebel on the Cross.** *(vv. 40-42)*

*I have not come to call the righteous but **sinner**s to repentance."* Luke 5:32

*Then [Jesus]...said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, **and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations...**" Luke 24:45-48*

*Peter said to them, "**Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**" Acts 2:38*

*[Paul] declared...that they should **repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance.**" Acts 26:20*

- 2. REQUEST Salvation Like the Rebel on the Cross.**

(v. 42)

Three Observations about the Rebel's Request for Salvation:

- He knew he didn't deserve and couldn't **EARN** salvation!
- He knew **WHO** to ask for salvation!
- He knew no one could ask **FOR HIM!**

- 3. RECEIVE Salvation from the Savior Like the Rebel on the Cross.** *(v. 43)*

Rebels Who Repent and Request Will Receive...

- Jesus' saving purpose: *"And Jesus said to him..."*
- Jesus' saving promise: *"Truly, I say to you..."*
- Jesus' saving power: *"...today..."*
- Jesus' saving presence: *"...you will be with Me in paradise!"*

Today Is the Day of Salvation for Hopeless Rebels Like Us!

- Are 100% sure of where you will spend eternity? Do you know the joy of having your sins forgiven and your heart changed today? Don't put it off!
"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." Mark 1:15
- Do others see in your life the evidence of changed life? Is your greatest joy spending time in the presence of your Savior and Lord?
"...repent and turn to God performing deeds in keeping with their repentance." Acts 26:20