



# “THE APPEAL OF GRACE, THE APPEAL OF FAITH”

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LUKE 23:32-43 BIBLE STUDY SLIDES

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CONTEXT  
THE WAY OF  
THE CROSS

Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and **take up their cross daily** and follow me. (Lk 9:23, NIV)





CONTEXT  
THE WAY OF  
THE CROSS

As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from **Cyrene**, who was on his way in from the country, and **put the cross on him** and **made him carry it** behind Jesus.

(Lk 23:26, NIV)





CONTEXT  
SON OF MAN ON A MISSION:  
THE ROAD TO THE CROSS

33 The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And **a sword will pierce your own soul too.**" (Lk 2:33-35, NIV)





CONTEXT  
SON OF MAN ON A MISSION:  
THE ROAD TO THE CROSS



And he said, “**The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.**” (Lk 9:22, NIV)





CONTEXT  
SON OF MAN ON A MISSION:  
THE ROAD TO THE CROSS



30 Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. 31 They spoke about his departure [ἔξοδος | *exhodos*], which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem (Lk 9:30-31, NIV)





CONTEXT  
SON OF MAN ON A MISSION:  
THE ROAD TO THE CROSS

31 Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, “We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is **written by the prophets** about the **Son of Man** will be fulfilled. 32 He will be delivered over to the Gentiles. They will **mock** him, **insult** him and **spit** on him; 33 they will **flog** him and **kill** him. **On the third day he will rise again.**” (Lk 18:31-33, NIV; cf. Lk 17:25)





CONTEXT  
SON OF MAN ON A MISSION:  
THE ROAD TO THE CROSS

13 “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a **son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven.** He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. 14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an **everlasting dominion** that **will not pass away,** and his **kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.** (Dn 7:13-14, NIV)





CONTEXT  
SON OF MAN ON A MISSION:  
THE ROAD TO THE CROSS

Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”

62 “I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the **Son of Man** sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and **coming on the clouds of heaven.**” (Mk 14:61b-62, NIV)





CONTEXT  
SON OF MAN ON A MISSION:  
THE ROAD TO THE CROSS

63 The high priest tore his clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked. 64 “You have heard the **blasphemy**. What do you think?”

They all **condemned him as worthy of death**. 65 Then some began to **spit** at him; they **blindfolded** him, **struck** him with their fists, and said, “Prophecy!” And the guards took him and **beat** him. (Mk 14:63-65, NIV)





CONTEXT  
SON OF MAN ON A MISSION:  
THE ROAD TO THE CROSS

A large number of people **followed** him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. (Lk 23:27, NIV)





LUKE 23:32  
NUMBERED WITH  
THE TRANSGRESSORS



Then two others – criminals – were also being taken away [to be executed] with Him. (Lk 23:32, AT)





LUKE 23:32  
NUMBERED WITH  
THE TRANSGRESSORS

It is written: ‘And he was **numbered with the transgressors**’; and I tell you that this must be **fulfilled** in me. Yes, **what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment.**” (Lk 22:37, NIV)





LUKE 23:32  
NUMBERED WITH  
THE TRANSGRESSORS



Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,  
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,  
because he **poured out his life unto death,**  
and was **numbered with the transgressors.**  
For he **bore the sin** of many,  
and made **intercession for the transgressors.**

(Is 53:12, NIV)





LUKE 23:32  
NUMBERED WITH  
THE TRANSGRESSORS

But he was **pierced** for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed. (Is 53:5, NIV)





LUKE 23:32  
NUMBERED WITH  
THE TRANSGRESSORS

**5** For there is one God and **one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,** **6** who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.

(1 Tim 2:5-6, NIV)





LUKE 23:33  
AT CALVARY



And when they came to the place called Skull [i.e., Golgatha], there they crucified Him and the criminals – one who was on the right, and [one] who was on the left. (Lk 23:33, AT)





LUKE 23:34  
INTERCESSION FOR  
THE TRANSGRESSORS

But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they are doing." Then they cast lots and divided His clothing among themselves. (Lk 23:34, AT)





LUKE 23:34  
INTERCESSION FOR  
THE TRANSGRESSORS

Then he fell on his knees and cried out,  
**“Lord, do not hold this sin against  
them.”** When he had said this, he fell  
asleep. (Ac 7:60, NIV)



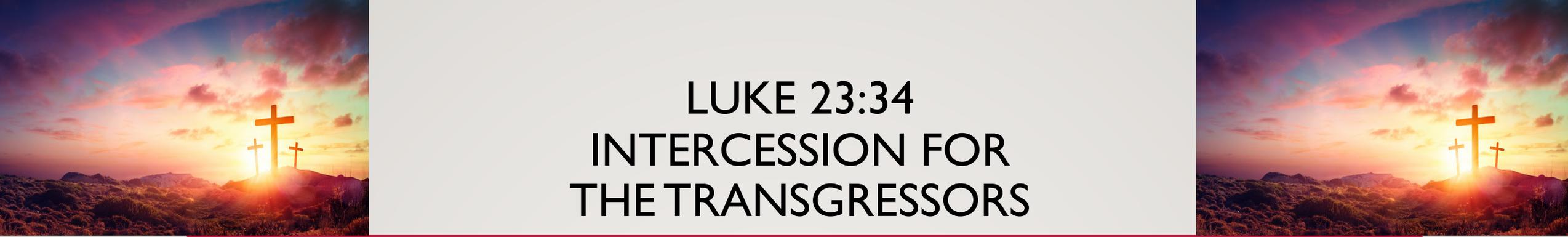


LUKE 23:34  
INTERCESSION FOR  
THE TRANSGRESSORS



“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will **believe in me** through their [the disciples] message, (Jn 17:20, NIV)





LUKE 23:34  
INTERCESSION FOR  
THE TRANSGRESSORS

47 “The servant who **knows** the master’s will and **does not get ready** or **does not do what the master** wants will be beaten with **many blows**. 48 But the one **who does not know** and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with **few** blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.  
(Lk 12:48, NIV)





PSALM 22  
A FAMILIAR SONG,  
A FAMILIAR SCENE



**1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?

**2 My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,  
by night, but I find no rest. (Ps 22:1-2, NIV)**





PSALM 22  
A FAMILIAR SONG,  
A FAMILIAR SCENE

And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**”). (Mk 15:34, NIV)





PSALM 22  
A FAMILIAR SONG,  
A FAMILIAR SCENE



- 3 Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;  
you are the one Israel praises.
- 4 In you our ancestors put their trust;  
they trusted and you delivered them.
- 5 To you they cried out and were saved;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

(Ps 22:3-5, NIV)





PSALM 22  
A FAMILIAR SONG,  
A FAMILIAR SCENE

6 But I am a worm and not a man,

scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

7 All who see [LXX: θεωρέω | *theōreō*] me **mock** [LXX: ἐκμυκτηρίζω | *ekmyktērizō*] **me**;  
they **hurl insults, shaking their heads.**

8 “He trusts in the **LORD [YHWH],**” they say,  
“**let the LORD [YHWH] rescue him.**

Let him **deliver** [LXX: σώζω | *sōzō*] him,  
since he delights in him.”

(Ps 22:6-8, NIV)





PSALM 22  
A FAMILIAR SONG,  
A FAMILIAR SCENE



- 9 Yet you brought me out of the womb;  
you made me **trust** in you, even at my mother's breast.
- 10 From birth I was cast on you;  
**from my mother's womb you have been my God.**
- 11 Do not be far from me,  
for trouble is near  
and there is no one to help.

(Ps 22:9-11, NIV)





PSALM 22  
A FAMILIAR SONG,  
A FAMILIAR SCENE

- 12 Many bulls surround me;  
strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.
- 13 Roaring lions that tear their prey  
open their mouths wide against me.

(Ps 22:12-13, NIV)





PSALM 22  
A FAMILIAR SONG,  
A FAMILIAR SCENE



14 I am **poured out like water,**  
and all my **bones are out of joint.**

My heart has turned to wax;  
it has melted within me.

15 **My mouth is dried up like a potsherd,**  
and my **tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;**  
you lay me in the dust of death.

(Ps 22:14-15, NIV)





PSALM 22  
A FAMILIAR SONG,  
A FAMILIAR SCENE

Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “**I am thirsty.**” (Jn 19:28, NIV)





PSALM 22  
A FAMILIAR SONG,  
A FAMILIAR SCENE



16 Dogs surround me,  
a **pack of villains encircles me;**  
they **pierce my hands and my feet.**

17 All my bones are on display;  
people stare and gloat over me.

18 **They divide my clothes among them**  
and **cast lots for my garment.**

(Ps 22:16-18, NIV)





PSALM 22  
A FAMILIAR SONG,  
A FAMILIAR SCENE

- 19 But you, LORD [YHWH], do not be far from me.  
You are my strength; come quickly to help me.
- 20 Deliver me from the sword,  
my precious life from the power of the dogs.
- 21 Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;  
save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

(Ps 22:19-21, NIV)





PSALM 22  
A FAMILIAR SONG,  
A FAMILIAR SCENE



- 22 I will declare your name to my people;  
in the assembly I will praise you.
- 23 You who fear the LORD [YHWH], praise him!  
All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!  
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!
- 24 For he has **not despised** or **scorned** the suffering of the afflicted one;  
he has **not** hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

(Ps 22:22-24, NIV)





PSALM 22  
A FAMILIAR SONG,  
A FAMILIAR SCENE



25 From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;  
before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.

26 The poor will eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek the LORD [YHWH] will praise him—  
may your hearts live forever!

(Ps 22:25-26, NIV)





PSALM 22  
A FAMILIAR SONG,  
A FAMILIAR SCENE



27 All the ends of the earth  
will remember and turn to the LORD [YHWH],  
and all the families of the nations  
will bow down before him,  
28 for dominion belongs to the LORD [YHWH]  
and he rules over the nations.

(Ps 22:27-28, NIV)





PSALM 22  
A FAMILIAR SONG,  
A FAMILIAR SCENE



29 All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;  
all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—  
those who cannot keep themselves alive.

30 Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord.

31 They will proclaim his righteousness,  
declaring to a people yet unborn:

**He has done it!**

(Ps 22:29-31, NIV)





PSALM 22  
A FAMILIAR SONG,  
A FAMILIAR SCENE

When he had received the drink,  
Jesus said, “**It is finished.**” ...  
(Jn 19:30a, NIV)





## CHIASTIC (X-SHAPED) CRITICISM OF CHRIST



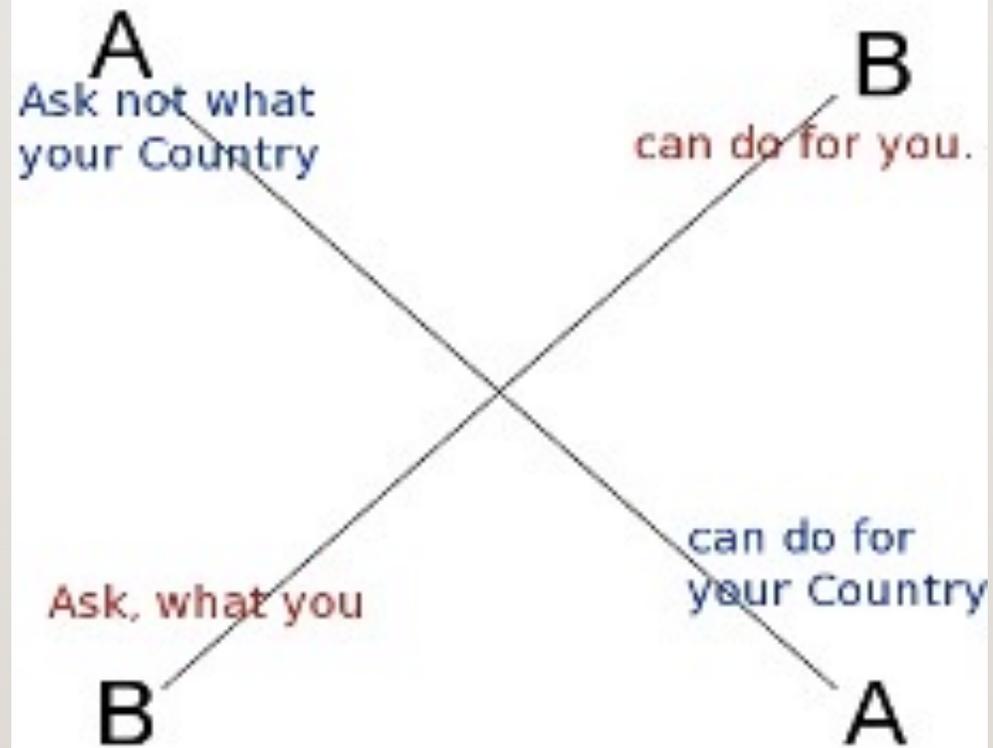
21 **Rescue me [A] from the **mouth of the lions [B];****  
**save me [A'] from the **horns of the wild oxen [B'].****

(Ps 22:21, NIV)





# CHIASTIC (X-SHAPED) CRITICISM OF CHRIST





## CHIASTIC (X-SHAPED) CRITICISM OF CHRIST



22 I will declare your name [A] to **my people [B]**;  
in **the assembly [B']** I will praise you [A'].

(Ps 22:22, NIV)





## CHIASTIC (X-SHAPED) CRITICISM OF CHRIST



- A) The leaders mock, “Let him save himself, if this one is God’s Messiah” (23:35b)**
- B The soldiers mock, “If you are the king of the Jews” (23:36–37)**
- B’ The titulus announcing: “This one is the king of the Jews” (23:38)**
- A’) One evildoer taunts: “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us” (23:39)**

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LUKE 23:35  
SAVE YOURSELF!

And the people stood there **watching** [θεωρέω | *theōreō*].  
But, the [Jewish] leaders were **ridiculing** [ἐκμυκτηρίζω |  
*ekmyktērizō*] and saying, "He **saved** [σώζω | *sōzō*] others;  
He should **save** [σώζω | *sōzō*] Himself – if He is God's  
Messiah [Christ], the Chosen One!" (Lk 23:35, AT)





LUKE 23:35  
SAVE YOURSELF!



- 6 But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by everyone, despised by the people.
- 7 All who **see** [LXX: θεωρέω | *theōreō*] me **mock** [LXX: ἐκμυκτηρίζω | *ekmyktērizō*] **me**;  
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since he delights in him.”

(Ps 22:6-8, NIV)





LUKE 23:35  
SAVE YOURSELF!



Those who had seen it told the people  
how the demon-possessed man had  
been **cured** [σῶζω | *sōzō*].

(Lk 8:36, NIV)





LUKE 23:35  
SAVE YOURSELF!



Then he said to her, “Daughter,  
your faith has **healed** [σώζω | *sōzō*]  
you. Go in peace.” (Lk 8:48, NIV)





LUKE 23:36-37  
A COCKTAIL FOR  
A COMMONER?

36 And the soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him wine vinegar [*ὄξος* | *oxos*] 37 and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" (Lk 23:36-37, AT)





LUKE 23:36-37  
A COCKTAIL FOR  
A COMMONER?



They put gall in my food

and gave me **vinegar** [LXX: ὄξος | *oxos*] for my thirst.

(Ps 69:21, NIV)





LUKE 23:38  
IRONIC  
INSCRIPTION

And there was also an inscription  
above Him: "This is the King of the  
Jews". (Lk 23:38, AT)





LUKE 23:38  
IRONIC  
INSCRIPTION

Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the **sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek.** (Jn 19:20, NIV)





LUKE 23:38  
IRONIC  
INSCRIPTION



32 He will be great, and will be called Son of the Most High.

And the Lord God will give Him the **throne** of His forefather, **David**.

33 And He will **reign** over the house of Jacob forever,  
and of His **Kingdom** there will be no end.

(Lk 1:32-33, AT)

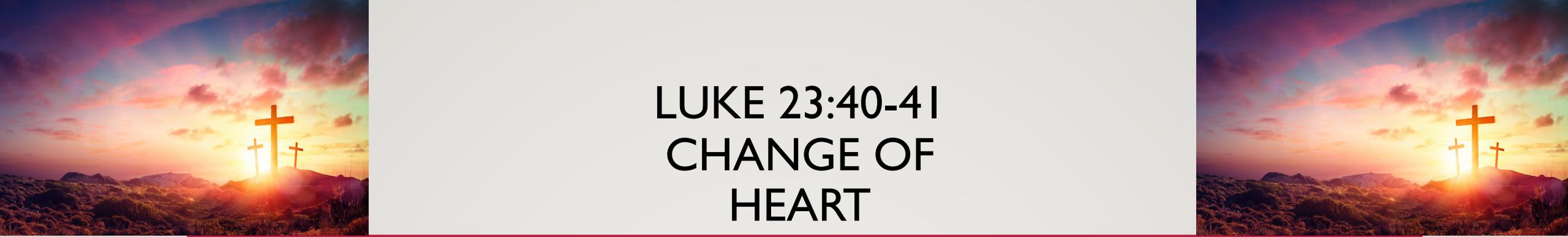




LUKE 23:39  
LOOK WHO'S  
TALKIN'!

One of the criminals who were hung was slandering Him saying, "Aren't you the Messiah? Save Yourself and us!" (Lk 23:39, AT)





LUKE 23:40-41  
CHANGE OF  
HEART

40 But the other [criminal] answered and rebuked him saying, "Don't you fear God, since you are [under] the same sentence of condemnation?" 41 And we, indeed, justly [are condemned]; we are getting back things we deserve because of what we did. But this man did nothing wrong.

(Lk 23:40-41, AT)





LUKE 23:40-41  
CHANGE OF  
HEART

13 Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people,  
14 and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was  
inciting the people to rebellion. **I have examined him** in your  
presence and have **found no basis for your charges against him.**  
15 **Neither has Herod**, for he sent him back to us; as you can see,  
he has done nothing to deserve death. (Lk 23:13-15, NIV)





LUKE 23:40-41  
CHANGE OF  
HEART



In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him **also heaped insults on him.** (Mt 27:44, NIV)





LUKE 23:40-41  
CHANGE OF  
HEART

**Those crucified with him  
also heaped insults on him.**

**(Mk 15:32b, NIV)**





LUKE 23:42  
THE APPEAL  
OF FAITH

And he was saying, "Jesus,  
remember me when You come into  
Your kingdom!" (Lk 23:42, AT)





LUKE 23:42  
THE APPEAL  
OF FAITH



**Remember me, LORD [YHWH], when you show favor to your people,  
come to my aid when you save them, (Ps 106:4, NIV)**





LUKE 23:42  
THE APPEAL  
OF FAITH

But when all goes well with you,  
**remember** me and show me kindness;  
mention me to Pharaoh and **get me out of**  
**this prison.** (Gen 40:14, NIV)





LUKE 23:43  
MORE THAN HE ASKED  
OR IMAGINED

Then He answered him, "Truly [lit. Amen], I say to you, today you will be with Me in paradise." (Lk 23:43, AT)





LUKE 23:43  
MORE THAN HE ASKED  
OR IMAGINED

Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the **tree of life**, which is in the **paradise of God**.

(Rev 2:7, NIV; cf. Ezek 31:8; 2 Cor 12:4)

