

The Thief Confesses

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Luke 23:40-43 (ESV) 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

SOME WHO WITNESSED THE DEATH OF JESUS DID NOT MOCK HIM ON THE CROSS

One of the two thieves crucified with Jesus understood that his punishment was justified since he was guilty of his crime.

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Take a few moments using your device, phone or paper and pen to make a list of things you are guilty of doing, saying and thinking. Consider how you treat others and how you treat yourself.

After writing your list read the following:

Jesus saw the penitent thief confessed what he had done wrong. He knew he deserved to die but asked to be with Jesus in His kingdom. Jesus forgave that thief and He forgives you. In his death Jesus paid the price for every wrong that every person would ever commit. He took your curse, and your punishment. He paid the price of our wrongdoings so that anyone who chooses to make Jesus their Lord is no longer guilty in God's eyes.

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AS YOU GO FROM HERE:

Take your list and either cross out everything or choose 'select all' to highlight everything. If you wrote it on paper, at the end of your list write these words in capitals: **YOU ARE FORGIVEN. JESUS DIED TO PAY FOR THIS AND MORE.** If you made your list on the phone delete the list and replace it with those words. There is no shame, guilt, reward or even record left of your misdeeds, in Jesus you are fully and irreversibly forgiven.

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