

QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Share your testimony. Describe the events in your life that brought you to a saving faith in Jesus Christ.

2. In the Gospels, Jesus is portrayed as loving and caring for people from all kinds of backgrounds. Why do you think some people get angry or offended when you talk about Jesus?

3. Read the following passages and note the Bible says about making the right choices:
 - a) Deuteronomy 30:19
 - b) Joshua 24:15
 - c) Proverbs 3:5-6
 - d) Proverbs 16:9
 - e) Proverbs 24:6
 - f) Matthew 7:13-14
 - g) James 1:5-8

4. In what ways did the request of the criminal indicate that he had insight into the true identity of Jesus Christ?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week's message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
 - ☐ I am going to read all four Gospel accounts of the crucifixion.
 - ☐ I am going to share my insight from this week's message with another person and encourage them to come to church with me.
 - ☐ I am going to memorize James 1:5.

Cornerstone Church
Luke 23:39-43

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Study Series #102

The Man in the Middle

I. Introduction

A. A Change in Heart

B. The Heart of the Gospel

(See Luke 19:10; John 3:16; Psalm 14:3; Psalm 53:3;
Romans 3:12)

C. The Human Heart

(See Exodus 20:1-17; Deuteronomy 5:6-21; I John 3:15;
Matthew 5:28; James 2:10; Jeremiah 17:9)

II. Jesus Christ is Crucified

A. The Crucifixion Between Two Criminals

(See Matthew 27:38; Mark 15:27; John 19:18; Isaiah 53:12;
Mark 15:28; Luke 22:37; Isaiah 53:9; John 19:38-42;
Matthew 11:19; Luke 7:34)

B. The Cursing by Two Criminals

(See Luke 23:39; Matthew 27:44; Mark 15:32; Matthew 27:42;
Mark 15:31; Luke 23:35)

C. The Confrontation of One Criminal

(See Luke 23:40-41; Proverbs 28:13; I John 1:9)

D. The Confession of One Criminal

(See Luke 23:41; Luke 23:4; Luke 23:6-15; Luke 23:22; Matthew 27:24; John 19:4; John 19:6; John 19:7-12; Luke 23:6-12)

E. The Request of One Criminal

(See Luke 23:42; John 11:25; Acts 24:15; Revelation 20:11-15; Luke 23:38; Matthew 3:9; Luke 3:8)

F. The Response of Jesus

(See Luke 23:43; Ephesians 2:8; Titus 3:5)

III. Conclusion

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

Passage of Study Luke 23:39-43

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged *there* was hurling abuse at Him, saying, “Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other answered, and rebuking him said, “Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” ⁴¹ And we indeed *are suffering* justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² And he was saying, “Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!” ⁴³ And He said to him, “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.”

Parallel Passage of Study Matthew 27:38-39, 44

³⁸ At that time two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹ And those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads... ⁴⁴ The robbers who had been crucified with Him were also insulting Him with the same words.

Parallel Passage of Study Mark 15:27-28, 32

²⁷ They crucified two robbers with Him, one on His right and one on His left. ²⁸ [And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “And He was numbered with transgressors.”] ³² Let *this* Christ, the King of Israel, now come down from the cross, so that we may see and believe!” Those who were crucified with Him were also insulting Him.

Parallel Passage of Study John 19:18

¹⁸ There they crucified Him, and with Him two other men, one on either side, and Jesus in between.

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