Desperate Conversation

We will examine the grace God has for us in desperate situations and see how a thief can steal our hearts!

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Read passage Luke 23:33-43

<u>Observations</u>

Describe what's happening in this passage.

What are some assumptions we can make?

What did the people do, say?

- Believers Luke 23:27 _____
- Bystanders Luke 23:35a _____
- Other bystanders Matt 27:39-40 _____
- Religious Leaders Luke 23:35b, Matt 27:41-42 _____
- Soldiers Luke 23:36_____
- Thieves Matt 27:44, Mark 15:32, Luke 23:39_____

What did Jesus say (or not say!) while on the cross?

- Isaiah 53:7
- Luke 23:34
- Luke 23:43
- John 19:27-28
- John 19:28, 30
- Matt 27:46, Mark 15:34
- Luke 23:46

<u>Jesus and the Thieves: Scriptures fulfilled</u>

Mark 15:28
Luke 19:10

"In the thieves, we see the effects that the cross of Christ would have on the children of men…hardened hearts, or monuments of divine mercy."

- First criminal requests _____
- Second one requests _____

Proof of criminal's salvation:

- He began by _____
- He fell silent and stopped _____
- He _____wickedness of other robber
- He _____ himself in confession, repenting of his and other thief's sin
- He declared Christ's _____
- He called Jesus by name, _____ to his Lordship
- He committed himself and his salvation to _____of Christ, asking to be remembered (According to "Acts of Pilate 10:2" this man's name was Dysmas).

Change of heart seldom takes place out of comfort…but often, out of discomfort.

Lordship of Christ

Lord = Master = Adonai (Genesis 15:2)

"The Lordship of God means His total _____ of us, and our total _____ to Him" as Lord and Master. Master implies a relationship God has with his servants, not only an attribute of God's character.

It is Adonai whom we sin against; it is Adonai who pardons us, it was Adonai on the cross making judgement of the thief.

1 Cor 12:3
John 3:36
Romans 6:22

What was Jesus' response?

- Focused on the needs of the thief's soul
- Jesus answered _____
- Promised _____
- Sooner _____

Ephesians 3:20-21

Romans 10:10-13
Discussion

God's grace is abundant during desperate circumstances. What does this mean for us?

What are your desperate circumstances or those of your loved ones?

What can we learn from Dysmas that we can apply to our own lives?

How are we, at times, like the other criminal?

What does it mean for us to call Jesus, Lord?

Is there an area of your life that you are keeping from the Lodship of Christ? Would you rather be with the crowd as the one thief, or under the Lordship of Christ, as Dysmas?

Do you believe that God can use you in a timely, yet brief conversation to impact someone's life?