

Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church of Beaumont

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Sermon

Three Crosses on Calvary's Hill!

Luke 23: 33 - 43

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Song/Prayer: Amazing Grace

Those of you that have your Holy Bibles or Holy Scriptures turn with me to the New Testament to the Gospel of Saint Luke 23: 33 – 43.

Read Luke 23: 33 – 43 in its entirety.

Sermon topic for today is “Three Crosses on Calvary’s Hill!”

I. Introduction

Three Crosses on Calvary’s Hill; Jesus Christ dying there between two thieves.

One dying for sin (Jesus Christ); one dying in sin (Unbeliever); and one dying to sin (Conversion). Two guilty; and one innocent.

Two paying their debts to society; and one paying our debt of sin, Jesus Christ. Isaiah 53: 9-12 says, “And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was *any* deceit in his mouth (10) yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. (11) He shall see of the travail of his soul and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. (12) Therefore, will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.”

II. Body

A. The Compassion of Jesus Christ on the Cross (Luke 23: 39)

- 1) The very mockery of the two thieves that were hung on the right and on the left of Jesus Christ.
- 2) Joined in with the crowd that stood around the cross mocking and cursing Jesus Christ.
- 3) But one of the two thieves were especially bitter towards Jesus Christ.
- 4) Jesus Christ was compassionate and showed compassion toward HIS crucifiers and those mocking and cursing HIM.
- 5) Said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”
- 6) Jesus Christ showed how consistent He is with HIS entire ministry, even unto death, Jesus Christ showed love for all humanity. We too, are to be compassionate people, we are to be Jesus Christ’s witnesses, so, others can see the compassion of Jesus Christ in us.

B. The comparison between the two thieves (Luke 23: 39-41).

- 1) Luke does not give us the names of the two thieves, nor their ages, and their backgrounds.
- 2) But we do know that they were both guilty and deserved to be executed for their crimes committed to society.

- 3) Luke begins to show the difference in the two thieves in verses 39 and 41 of Luke chapter 23.
- 4) Noticed, that one of the two thieves continues his mockery of Jesus Christ, saying, "If thou be Christ, save thyself and us (Luke 23: 39b)." This thief had no compassion and was unconvinced that the LORD Jesus Christ had the power to summons a legend of angels at HIS command.
- 5) Now, the other thief became convicted of his sins, rebuked the other thief, saying in verses 40 and 41, Dost not thou fear GOD, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we are indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.
- 6) When we compare ourselves to Jesus Christ, this enables us to see ourselves as we are Isaiah 6: 5 says, "Then said I, woe is me! For I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts."
- 7) Now, one thief tunes out the voice of Jesus Christ, and the other listens to the voice of Jesus Christ.
- 8) Also, one tunes out the cry of the conscience: while the other responds to the conscience.

C. The Conversion of the Thief (Luke 23: 42-43)?

- 1) Now, do know that Conviction always comes before conversion.
- 2) This is the evidence of the work of GOD in the very life of the individual.
- 3) The individual confesses his or her sin; he or she accepts Jesus Christ as his or her LORD; the individual has never seen a miracle but believes

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Jesus Christ taken our sins and barrier them on HIS SHOULDER to a hill called Calvary. Soldiers nailed Jesus's hands and feet to a wooden cross and lifted the cross up high for all to see. But they had no idea what they were doing; for I can hear the words of Jesus Christ saying, "If I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me."

One of thieves said unto Jesus Christ, LORD, remember me when thou comest into thy Kingdom, and Jesus Christ said unto him, **Verily I say unto thee, to day shalt thou be with me in paradise.**

The Romans soldiers took Jesus Christ down off the Cross and laid HIM in Joseph's tomb, where he laid for two days, and three nights, taking away your condemnation and my condemnation for believing in and on Jesus Christ as the SON of The Living GOD.

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One dying for sin (Jesus Christ); one dying in sin (unbeliever); and one dying to sin (the conversion). Two guilty (thieves); one innocent (Jesus Christ).

Look at our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ on the Cross winning One more soul. Convicting men to confess their sins and to repent of their sin in order to be forgiven and restored in right relationship with GOD the Father.

Early, early, on the third day morning GOD the Father raised Jesus Christ up from the dead and gave unto HIM all power in heaven and on earth in HIS hands, and unto us who believe in and on Jesus Christ as the SON of The Living GOD, GOD the Father gives unto us eternal life, so, that where Jesus Christ is there we maybe also.

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