



How Can God Forgive Me?

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Jesus answers the question with 3 statements from the cross:

1. “Father, forgive them; they don’t know what they’re doing.”

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals-- one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Luke 23:32-34

2. “Today you will be with me in paradise.”

But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:40-43

3. “It is finished.”

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. John 19:30

“It is finished.” *tetelestai*: “The debt has been paid in full.”

When you doubt that you need to be forgiven or that God can forgive you, you are actually fighting a war that’s already been won.

***Jesus died on the cross to win the battle over sin.
He then rose from the dead to win the battle over death.***

For next Sunday, read and try to memorize 1 John 1:9

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“Original sin, therefore, seems to be a hereditary depravity and corruption of our nature, diffused into all parts of the soul,



which first makes us liable to God's wrath, then also brings forth in us those works which Scripture calls ‘works of the flesh.’”



- John Calvin

ARE YOU A GOOD PERSON?



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One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

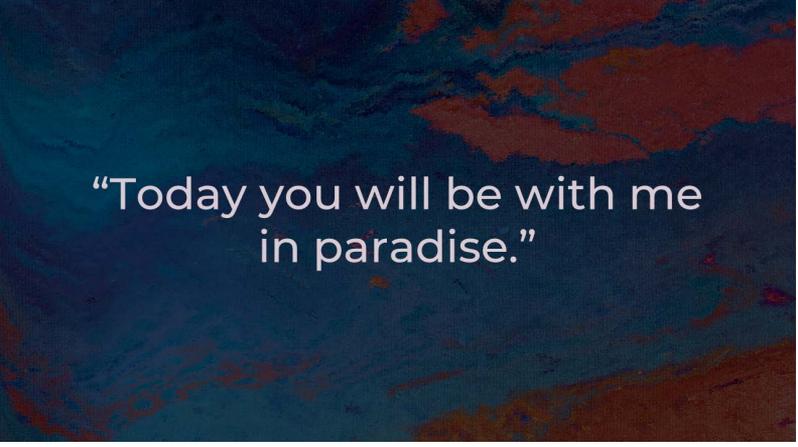
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Luke 23:40-41

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Luke 23:42-43



“Today you will be with me
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That which was from the beginning,
which we have heard, which we
have seen with our eyes, which we
have looked at and our hands have
touched -- this we proclaim
concerning the Word of life.



1 John 1:1

“It is finished.”

