

The Cry of Assurance

Series: *Cries from the Cross*

– Luke 23:39-43 –

Today we have a front row seat to the crucifixion story as seen through the eyes of a thief who was saved in the final hours of his life. A reviler turned repentant, we discover what he needed to know in order to be saved. . .

1. He knew that he would face God after death.

2. He knew that he was a sinner.

3. He knew that only grace could save him.

APPLYING IT TODAY. . . I CAN KNOW THAT

(a) Salvation is IMMEDIATE

(b) Salvation is CERTAIN

(c) Salvation is a RELATIONSHIP

Application Questions. . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. What universal lessons about salvation can you draw from the example of the two criminals?
3. In what ways do we resemble both? How are we different and the same?
4. Read I Cor. 1:18-31. What is it about the gospel that seems so foolish to some (vs. 18)?
5. Look again at (I Cor. 1) verse 30. In what ways would you say this verse expands the biblical definition of the word *wisdom*?
6. If you only had this passage in Luke to refer to, how could you use the two thieves on either side of Jesus to help show someone how to become a Christian?
7. If you had to argue for the reality of the Gospel by giving one example of how you have changed as a result of meeting Jesus, what would you share?

