

### Extraordinary Events at the Cross of Jesus (Luke 23:39-49)

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<sup>40</sup> But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? <sup>41</sup> "And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."

<sup>42</sup> Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

<sup>43</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

<sup>44</sup> Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.

<sup>46</sup> And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, `into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" Having said this, He breathed His last.

<sup>47</sup> So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, "Certainly this was a righteous Man!"

<sup>48</sup> And the whole crowd who came together to that sight, seeing what had been done, beat their breasts and returned.

<sup>49</sup> But all His acquaintances, and the women who followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

#### 1. CONVERSATION WITH A \_\_\_\_\_ (39-43)

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##### a. One Thief \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus

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##### b. One Thief \_\_\_\_\_ the Other

<sup>40</sup> But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? <sup>41</sup> "And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."

1) Your motive

2) Our guilt

3) Jesus' innocence

##### c. The Thief \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus

<sup>42</sup> Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

1) He expresses belief in Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_

2) He expresses belief in Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_

3) He expresses belief in Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_

#### d. Jesus Responds with a \_\_\_\_\_

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1) Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_

2) Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_

3) Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. SEPARATION FROM THE \_\_\_\_\_ (44-45a)

<sup>44</sup> Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. <sup>45</sup> Then the sun was darkened,

a. *The Time: The Sixth Hour*

b. *The Phenomena: Darkness*

c. *The Length: 3 Hours*

d. *The Cause: "the sun eclipsing"*

e. *The Reason: Psalm 22:1 (cf. Mt 27:46; Mk 15:34)*

#### 3. COMPLETION OF HIS \_\_\_\_\_ (45b-46)

and the veil of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup> And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, `into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" Having said this, He breathed His last.

a. *The Split Veil – Access!*

b. *The Cry of Jesus – Agony!*

c. *The Communication of Jesus – Accepted!*

d. *The Expiration of Jesus – Accomplished!*

#### 4. OBSERVATIONS FROM \_\_\_\_\_ (47-49)

a. *The Response of the Centurion*

<sup>47</sup> So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, "Certainly this was a righteous Man!"

b. *The Response of the Crowds*

<sup>48</sup> And the whole crowd who came together to that sight, seeing what had been done, beat their breasts and returned.

c. *The Witness of the Acquaintances*

<sup>49</sup> But all His acquaintances, and the women who followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

#### LESSONS:

- God fulfilled what He promised.
- Salvation is available to anyone with any past through belief in Jesus.
- Our purpose, past, present, future, & priorities are all tied up in this event.