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MORNING MESSAGE

“A Stranger in Paradise”

Luke 23:39-43

- I. THE RAILING THIEF (v.39)
  - A. He was a blamed man (v.39a)
    1. “Malefactor” means a criminal, evil-doer, or wrong-doer”
  - B. He was a blasphemous man (v.39b)
    1. “Railed” translates the Greek word “blasphemeo”, which means “to insult that which is sacred”
  - C. He was a belligerent man (v.39c)
    1. He wanted a physical salvation
- II. THE REPENTANT THIEF (vv.40-42)
  - A. He was a perceptive man (v.40)
    1. This thief grew quiet
  - B. He was a polluted man (v.41)
    1. He came to two conclusions:
      - a. One, “I am guilty”
      - b. Two, “Jesus is innocent”
  - C. He was a praying man (v.42)
    1. Notice who he prayed to
    2. Notice what he prayed for
- III. THE REPLY TO THE THIEF (v.43)
  - A. The Lord’s reply was astonishing
    1. It was an infallible reply
      - a. “Verily” means “truly”
    2. It was an immediate reply
      - a. “Today” means before the sun sets
    3. It was an intimate reply
      - a. “Shalt thou be with me” means he will be reconciled with God
    4. It was an incredible reply
      - a. “Paradise” is a reference to heaven
  - B. This verse teaches us many things about salvation
    1. Jesus can save anyone
    2. It is never too late to be saved
    3. You are not saved by works
    4. When saved people die they go straight to heaven