QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe the time in your life when you realized

 you needed a relationship with Jesus to be saved from your sin.

2. What are some of the reasons people reject the free gift of salvation

 offered through Jesus Christ?

3. Read the following passages and note the Bible says about things

 we can know based on Scripture:

a) Job 19:25

b) Psalm 135:5

c) Romans 8:28

d) Philippians 1:6

e) II Timothy 1:12

f) II Peter 1:20-21

g) I John 5:13

4. What people in the Bible proclaimed the innocence of Jesus? Why

 is their testimony significant?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s

 message? (*Share your decision with another person*.)

* I am going to write down the names of three people who need salvation and pray for them on a regular basis for the next year.
* I am going to write out the testimony of my salvation so I can tell it to another person in three minutes or less.
* I am going to memorize Job 19:25.

Cornerstone Church March 31, 2024

Luke 23:32-43 Special Message

***Five Things the Thief of the Cross Knew***

***That We Need to Know***

**I. Introduction**

 A. Last Minute Deliverance

 B. The Thief on the Cross

 (See Luke 23:32; Matthew 27:38; Matthew 27:44; Mark 15:27;

 Matthew 27:16-26; Mark 15:7-11; John 8:44)

 C. The Man in the Middle

 (See Isaiah 53:12; Mark 15:28; Luke 22:37; Psalm 22:16;

 Luke 5:31-32; Matthew 11:19; Luke 7:34)

**II. Five Things the Thief of the Cross Knew**

 A. He Knew that Death was Inevitable

 (See Luke 23:32; Matthew 27:38 Mark 15:27-28; John 19:18)

 B. He Knew He Deserved Judgment

 (See Luke 23:40-41; Matthew 27:39-40; Mark 15:29-30;

 Matthew 27:41-42; Mark 15:31-32; Luke 23:34; I John 1:9)

 C. He Knew Jesus was Innocent

(See Luke 23:41; Matthew 27:4; II Corinthians 7:9-10;

 Luke 23:4; Matthew 27:18; Mark 15:10; Matthew 27:24)

 D. He Knew Jesus was the King

 (See Luke 23:42; John 18:36-37; I Timothy 6:15;

 Revelation 17:14; Revelation 19:16; Romans 14:11;

 Isaiah 45:22-25; Philippians 2:10-11; Psalm 72:11)

 E. He Knew There Will be a Resurrection

 (See Luke 23:42; Matthew 25:46)

**III. Conclusion**

 (See Luke 23:43; II Corinthians 12:4; Revelation 2:7)

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

**Passage of Study**

**Luke 23:32-43**

**32**Two others also, who were criminals, were being led away to be put to death with Him.

**33**When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left. **34**But Jesus was saying, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves. **35**And the people stood by, looking on. And even the rulers were sneering at Him, saying, “He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God, His Chosen One.” **36**The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine, **37**and saying, “If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!” **38**Now there was also an inscription above Him, “THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.”

**39**One of the criminals who were hanged *there* was hurling abuse at Him, saying, “Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!” **40**But the other answered, and rebuking him said, “Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? **41**And we indeed *are suffering* justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” **42**And he was saying, “Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!” **43**And He said to him, “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.”

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