

BETWEEN TWO THIEVES

(Luke 23:39-43)

I. INTRODUCTION

* Matthew 27:24-44

II. THE FIRST CROSS (verse 39)

A. Who was the MAN that hung there?

1. He was a common _____.
2. He was one who was being punished _____ for his crimes.

B. What did this man SAY?

1. He had a rhetorical statement of _____.
2. He _____ the Lord Jesus while they hung on their crosses.

C. What did these words REVEAL about the FIRST thief?

1. They exposed a heart of _____.
2. They revealed a complete _____ of who Jesus really was.

III. THE SECOND CROSS (verses 40-42)

A. Who was the MAN that hung there?

1. He was a common _____.
2. He was one who was being punished _____ for his crimes.

B. What did this man SAY?

1. To the other thief...
 - a. First- a stern rebuke for his lack of _____.

- b. Second- an acknowledgement of _____ for their own _____.
 - c. Third- a declaration of Jesus' _____.
2. To the Lord Jesus...
- a. First- a recognition of who Jesus really was/is, he addressed Him as, "_____".
 - b. Second- a display of utter humility and complete _____.
 - c. Third- an acknowledgement that Jesus had a _____.

IV. THE MIDDLE CROSS (verse 43)

A. Who was the MAN that hung there?

1. Jesus was a man, He _____ experienced the trauma of crucifixion, and He bled and He did eventually _____.
2. Jesus was also LORD, and He did have the _____ and the power to grant the second thief _____.

B. What did He SAY?

1. Jesus told the _____.
2. Jesus had knowledge of the _____ and future events.
3. Jesus had the _____ to the second thief's prayer.

C. Do you PERSONALLY know this Man Jesus?

1. Have you acknowledged your own _____ and utter helplessness, and do you see the complete _____ of Jesus Christ and His work on the cross to pay for all of your sin?
2. Are you willing (like the second thief) to place your _____ in the Lord who hung on that cross and personally died for _____?