



Assurance

Famous Last Words – Part 2

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³⁹ Then one of the criminals hanging there began to yell insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other answered, rebuking him: "Don't you even fear God, since you are undergoing the same punishment?" ⁴¹ We are punished justly, because we're getting back what we deserve for the things we did, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:39-43 CSB)

WHAT MUST I KNOW TO BE SAVED?

1. I WILL FACE GOD AFTER DEATH.

But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence?" (Luke 23:40 NIV)

Everyone must die once, and after that be judged by God. (Hebrews 9:27 GNT)

2. I HAVE SINNED AGAINST GOD.

"We are punished justly, because we're getting back what we deserve for the things we did..." (Luke 23:41 CSB)

If we say, "We have no sin," we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9 CSB)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23 CSB)

3. JESUS WAS MORE THAN A MAN.

"...but this man has done nothing wrong." (Luke 23:41 CSB)

He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21 CSB)

4. ONLY GRACE CAN SAVE ME.

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me..." (Luke 23:42 CSB)

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9 CBS)

For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift – not from works, so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9 CSB)

5. JESUS WILL SAVE ME IF I ASK.

"...when you come into your kingdom." (Luke 23:42 CSB)

"...Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved..." (Acts 16:31 CSB)

THE ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

• **THE PROMISE OF GOD'S WORD.**

And Jesus replied, "I ASSURE you, today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43 NLT)

- **IT IS IMMEDIATE** - 'Today'
- **IT IS CERTAIN** - 'You will'
- **IT IS A RELATIONSHIP** - 'Be with me'
- **IT IS A PHYSICAL PLACE** - 'In paradise'

For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. (Romans 10:13 CSB)