

## **Which Side of the Cross are You On?**

### **Introduction**

In one of the most moving dramas of that day at the Cross of Calvary, there is only one gospel that tells us about the conversation between two thieves and their view of eternity. That's where our story takes us today. Jesus was crucified between two criminals, with eternity at stake for them both. What occurred happened because of their views of the cross that day. The question for them is the same for us today:

*Which side of the cross will find ourselves on?*

### **Luke 23:39-42**

#### **I. Contrast of the Two Thieves**

There was a fork in the road. Matthew and Mark tell us that they started out on the same path, but Luke tells us the road each took.

- The contrast is the same today. What's right / what's wrong, your view / my view, what is sin / or what's it to me...
- Your understanding of \_\_\_\_\_ will determine what side of the cross you're on

Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God."

#### **II. Both Men Were High Enough To Have a Great View (of Heaven or Hell)**

Two men... two viewpoints.

- One has the view that even at the end of his life – he was concerned about his present situation.
- The other was concerned about his present condition and it caused him to look towards his eternal situation.

It helped both to find which side of the cross they were on

#### **III. An Eternal Conversation Both Sides of the Answer**

From the ground you would not have heard the conversation above because...

- The crowd of mostly Jews would not look upon the ugliness of crucifixion
- There was enough drama all around the observers

#### **IV. One Payment Plan**

- Can't depend on \_\_\_\_\_ works to settle the debt
- Can't depend on \_\_\_\_\_ membership
- Can't depend on \_\_\_\_\_ baptism

God only takes the belief in His Son Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world.

\*Whether you are a believer in Jesus Christ, a non-believer, or just a casual observer of the Cross... when it all comes down to your life, it all comes down to one question:

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