



**Luke 23:32-38**, *Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with him.* <sup>33</sup> *When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left.* <sup>34</sup> *Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.” And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.* <sup>35</sup> *The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. “He saved others,” they said, “let him save himself if he is really God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”* <sup>36</sup> *The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine.* <sup>37</sup> *They called out to him, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”* <sup>38</sup> *A sign was fastened above him with these words: “This is the King of the Jews.”*

I. **Jesus went to the cross that He did not deserve so that he could offer us what we don't deserve.**

**Isaiah 53:3-5**, *He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest*

*grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care.* <sup>4</sup> *Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins!* <sup>5</sup> *But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.*

**Luke 23:39-43**, *One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, “So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you’re at it!”* <sup>40</sup> *But the other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die?”* <sup>41</sup> *We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.”* <sup>42</sup> *Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.”* <sup>43</sup> *And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.”*

- II. **Saving faith in Jesus is received by humble faith.**
- III. **It is never too late to surrender your life to Christ!**

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**1 Corinthians 11:27–28**, “So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup.”