

TO SEEK AND SAVE THE LOST
Luke 23:26-43
New Life Fellowship – Pastor Joe Green
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Luke 9:23 (NIV2011) “[Jesus] said to them all: ‘Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Me.’”

Luke 14:27 (NIV2011) Jesus said... “Whoever does not carry their cross and follow Me cannot be My disciple.”

1. Can You Be _____ ... _____ The Cross?

Luke 23:26 (NIV2011) “As the soldiers led [Jesus] away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.”

Luke 14:26 (NIV2011) Jesus said... “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be My disciple.”

Luke 23:27 (NIV2011) “A large number of people followed [Jesus], including women who mourned and wailed for Him.”

Luke 23:28-31 (NIV2011) “Jesus turned and said to them, ‘Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me; weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the time will come when you will say, “Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!” ³⁰ Then “they will say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us!’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us!’ ³¹ For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?’”

2. Can You Be _____ ... _____ In The Cross?

Luke 23:32-33 (NIV2011) “Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with [Jesus] to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified Him there, along with the criminals—one on His right, the other on His left.”

Luke 23:34 (NIV2011) “Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.’ And they divided up His clothes by casting lots.”

Luke 23:35-38 (NIV2011) “The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at [Jesus]. They said, ‘He saved others; let him save Himself if He is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.’ ³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked Him. They offered Him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, ‘If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself.’ ³⁸ There was a written notice above Him, which read: *THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.*”

Luke 23:39-41 (NIV2011) “One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at [Jesus]: ‘Aren’t You the Messiah? Save Yourself and us!’ ⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked Him. ‘Don’t you fear God,’ he said, ‘since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this Man has done nothing wrong.’”

Luke 23:42 (NIV2011) “Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.’”

Luke 23:43 (NIV2011) “Jesus answered him, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in paradise.’”

Galatians 6:14 (ASV) “Far be it from me to glory, save in the cross of our LORD Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.”