

Between the Two

Isaiah 53/ Matthew 27:44/ Mark 15:32/ Acts 8:26-38

INTRODUCTION

Luke 23:32-39

The PENALTY – *Isaiah 53:12, Romans 6:23*

32 Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. 33 And when they came to the place that is called The Skull (Golgotha) there they crucified him, and criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

The PROVISION – *1 Peter 2:20-23*

34 And Jesus **SAID, SAYING**, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.
(imperfect tense = continuous)

The Participants – *Matthew 27:37, Mark 15:26, John 19:19-20*

35 And **the people stood by**, watching, but **the rulers scoffed** at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself; if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” 36 **The soldiers** also **mocked** him, coming up and offering him sour wine 37 and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” 38 There was also an inscription over him, “**This is the King of the Jews.**”

The PRIDEFUL – *Proverbs 8:13, 18:12, Luke 18:11-12*

39 One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ, (Messiah, Savior)? Save yourself and us!”

The PENITENT – Luke 12:4-5, Proverbs 1:7, Matthew 10:28 Psalm 33:8

40 But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.”

The PROMISE – Duet 31:6, Phil 4:19, Col 1:13-14, 1 John 1:9, Acts 4:1-12

42 And he said, **Jesus**, (Messiah, Savior) remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

43 And he said to him. “Truly, (verily, verily) I say to you, **today, you** will be with **Me** in paradise, (garden, heaven)

Philippians. 2:5-11

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, *by* taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.