

“THREE CROSSES – THREE RESPONSES”

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Luke 23:39-43 (NASB95)
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1. THE CROSS OF REJECTION – REBELLION.

Luke 23:39–43 (NASB95) ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, “Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!”

HE WAS DYING YET DEFIANT.

HE MOCKED JESUS.

HE DESIRED RESCUE WITHOUT REPENTANCE.

HE WAS CLOSE TO JESUS YET STILL LOST.

2. THE CROSS OF REPENTANCE – HUMILITY.

⁴⁰But the other answered, and rebuking him said, “Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹“And we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²And he was saying, “Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!”

HE FEARED GOD.

HE REPENTS OF SIN.

HE CONFESSES CHRIST.

HE REQUESTS MERCY.

3. THE CROSS OF REDEMPTION – GRACIOUSNESS.

⁴³And He said to him, “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.”

THE AUTHORITY OF SALVATION.

THE IMMEDIACY OF SALVATION.

THE INTIMACY OF SALVATION.

THE GLORY OF SALVATION.