

TAKE HOME SHEET



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Message: The Greatest Story Ever Told
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An amazing thing happens while Jesus is being executed...

³² Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with him. ³³ 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. ³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing." And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. ³⁵ 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." ³⁶ The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine. ³⁷ They called out to him, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ A sign was fastened above him with these words: "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹ 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!" ⁴⁰ But the other criminal protested, "Don't you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? ⁴¹ We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."

⁴³ And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 23:32–43 (NLT)

What does it say about Jesus that He accepted the criminal that reached out to Him?

What does Jesus' response stir up in you personally?

Have you done what this criminal did by humbly admitting your need for forgiveness and asking Jesus for it?

If not, you can right now!

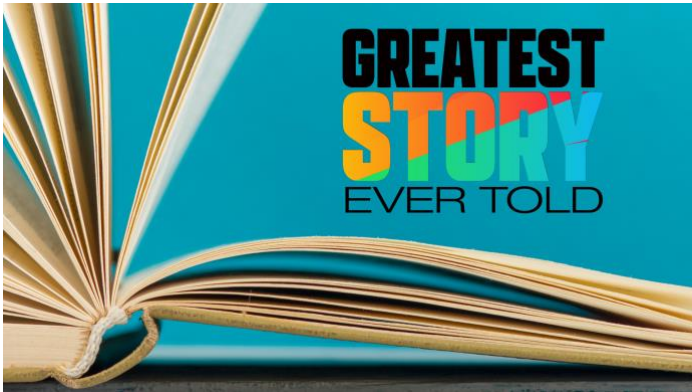
(If you want to talk to someone about this, email me at rusty.coram@newhope.org and I would be glad to help!)

What can you learn from this about how you see others around you?

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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⁴² So Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. ⁴³ But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:42–45 (NLT)

The "many" includes everyone.

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Romans 5:8 (NLT)

Even if I am _____,
Jesus came for me.

All it takes to experience the new life He offers is to accept His invitation.

¹⁶ For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:16–17 (NLT)