Taking Our Place

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Notes

04/02 Luke 23:13-49, "Taking Our Place," subtitle: Christ's Sacrifice is our healing, Scripture: Luke 23:39-43

We live within a culture that has adopted the idea of the sacrifice of the innocent so that we might have a better life. That is what is required for us to overcome the curse of sin and have a better life.

- The world offers a counterfeit provided by Satan and his demons
- God offers the only genuine, original and originally promised, and sufficient innocent sacrifice

Luke 23:13-20 "13 Pilate summoned the chief priests and the rulers and the people, 14 and said to them, "You brought this man to me as one who incites the people to rebellion, and behold, having examined Him before you, I have found no guilt in this man regarding the charges which you make against Him. 15 "No, nor has Herod, for he sent Him back to us; and behold, nothing deserving death has been done by Him. 16 "Therefore I will punish Him and release Him." 17 Now he was obliged to release to them at the feast one prisoner. 18 But they cried out all together, saying, "Away with this man, and release for us Barabbas!" 19 (He was one who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection made in the city, and for murder.) 20 Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again,"

Luke 23:21-25 "21 but they kept on calling out, saying, "Crucify, crucify Him!" 22 And he said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has this man done? I have found in Him no guilt demanding death; therefore I will punish Him and release Him." 23 But they were insistent, with loud voices asking that He be crucified. And their voices began to prevail. 24 And Pilate pronounced sentence that their demand be granted. 25 And he released

the man they were asking for who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, but he delivered Jesus to their will."

Luke 23:26-40 "26 When they led Him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, coming in from the country, and placed on him the cross to carry behind Jesus. 27 And following Him was a large crowd of the people, and of women who were mourning and lamenting Him. 28 But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 "For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' 30 "Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' 31 "For if they do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?" 32 Two others also, who were criminals, were being led away to be put to death with Him. 33 When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left."

Luke 23:34-49 "34 But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves. 35 And the people stood by, looking on. And even the rulers were sneering at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God, His Chosen One." 36 The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine, 37 and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" 38 Now there was also an inscription above Him, "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS." 39 One of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" 40 But 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."

Luke 23:42-49 "42 And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!" 43 And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise." 44 It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour, 45 because the sun was obscured; and the veil of the temple was torn in two. 46 And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit." Having said this, He breathed His last. 47 Now when the centurion

saw what had happened, he began praising God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent." 48 And all the crowds who came together for this spectacle, when they observed what had happened, began to return, beating their breasts. 49 And all His acquaintances and the women who accompanied Him from Galilee were standing at a distance, seeing these things."

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He took our place:

- Barabbas Luke 23:13-25
- Simon a Cyrenian Luke 23:26-31
- The thief on the cross Luke 23:32-43
- The Centurion Luke 23:44-47
- The whole crowd Luke 23:48
- Joseph of Arimathea (vv. 50-53), Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James and other women (Luke 24:1-10), Peter (v. 11), two disciples on the road to Emmaus (vv. 13-27), all the disciples (vv. 28-43), Paul on the road to Damascus, the church....

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." - John 3:16

John 3:16 NASB95

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that

whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." - 2 Corinthians 5:21

2 Corinthians 5:21 NASB95

²¹ He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." - Matthew 26:28

Matthew 26:28 NASB95

²⁸ for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed." - 1 Peter 2:24

1 Peter 2:24 NASB95

²⁴ and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." - Romans 5:8

Romans 5:8 NASB95

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners. Christ died for us.

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God." - 1 Peter 3:18

1 Peter 3:18 NASB95

¹⁸ For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He

might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace." - Ephesians 1:7

Ephesians 1:7 NASB95

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." - Romans 6:23

Romans 6:23 NASB95

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

"For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive." - 1 Corinthians 15:22

1 Corinthians 15:22 NASB95

²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

"And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." - Hebrews 10:10

Hebrews 10:10 NASB95

¹⁰ By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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... your place, so that you might take His.

You have to be willing to tell Him you accept it in order to have it.

Christ's sacrifice is our healing, if you are willing to tell Him you accept it. Will you decide today?