

Finding Paradise at the Cross

Key Passage: Luke 23:32-43

Reflect

- What do you feel God spoke to your heart about today from His Word?
- How does the Easter season affect your family?
- How do most people view Easter and how should we teach our families and children to view it?

Review

Today we saw 4 truths that came to the heart of this thief who came to faith in Jesus Christ

- **He had a fear of God**
 - What is true of the lost world in Romans 3:18
 - What is something you learn from each of these verses: Prov. 1:7, 8:13, 16:6; Psalm 34:11.
- **He recognized his guilt**
 - Why is it important for someone to see their sinfulness and guilt before God and no longer seek to justify their sins?
 - Who is an example in the Bible of this happening to them?
 - When in your life did you recognize your sinfulness before a holy God and cause you to repent of your sins and turn to faith in Christ?
- **He recognized Jesus' innocence**
 - What do you learn from Hebrews 4:15?
 - What do you learn from 1 John 3:15?
 - How important is the spinelessness of Christ? Why?
 - If Jesus denied sin for our salvation, should we not also be motivated to deny sin for His glory?
- **He recognized Jesus as Lord**
 - What do you learn from John 13:13?
 - What do you learn from Romans 10:9, 13?
- **How does Jesus respond to this man in Luke 23:43?**
 - Jesus isn't recorded saying anything to this man until this man calls out in faith to Jesus; what does that let us know?
 - What does it tell us for Jesus to be willing to save this man?
 - What does this man's salvation tell us about the simplicity of the Gospel?
 - Jesus guarantees this man's salvation and place in paradise; does God want us to "know" we are saved? Why is that important? (I John 5:13).

Apply

- What is a practical way you can apply what you learned today to your life this week? If Jesus was saving someone on a Cross, how can we take the message to people this week?

Outreach

- ✓ Who can you invite to Easter service next Sunday? _____

- **Verses used from Sunday Morning's Sermon: Luke 23:26-43; Deuteronomy 30:19; Isaiah 53:12; Matthew 27:44; Proverbs 1:7, 8:13, 16:6, 3:18; Psalm 34:11, 86:11; Job 40:4-5; Isaiah 6:5; Romans 3:10-12; Hebrews 4:15; I John 3:5, John 13:13; Romans 10:9, 13; Matthew 25:46**