

THE THIRD CROSS

The third person who died on a cross that day was another criminal. However, at the last minute he confessed his belief in Jesus.



On the basis of this simple act of faith, Jesus promised him eternal life

On the day he died, he was still a sinner, but one that was forgiven. His sin was erased forever.

He died that day with:

SIN IN HIM BUT NO SIN ON HIM

Lk 23:40 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation?

Lk 23:41 And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."

Lk 23:42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

Lk 23:43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

THE GOOD NEWS

When a person trusts in Christ as their Savior their sins are taken away, forever canceled because of what He did on the cross.

Col 2:14 ...Having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

Christ died that day with:

**No sin in Him but
sin on Him**



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“THREE CROSSES”

Luke 23:32-33

There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left.

Jn 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

THE WORK OF CHRIST ON THE CROSS

It was prophesied in detail

He was pierced for our transgressions- Isaiah 53

He determined to go to the cross

He set his face like a flint Isaiah 50:7/Luke 9:51

He died on the cross

Blood & water flowed from His side-John 19:34

He went there because of His love

He loved me and gave himself for me -Gal 2:20

He voluntarily gave His life for us

Who gave himself for our sins- Gal 1:4

His sacrifice was for the sins of the world

He is the propitiation for the sins of the world-

1 John 2:2

He died there to take our place

He gave himself a ransom- 1 Tim 2:6

He fully paid the price for our sin

"No condemnation" in Christ- Romans 8:1

He was called the Lamb of God

Behold the Lamb of God who died for the sins of the world- John 1:29

He completed the work of salvation

"It is finished"- John 19:30

THERE WERE THREE STORIES TOLD ON THAT DAY

THE FIRST

CROSS

One of the criminals who died on a cross next to Jesus that day rejected the Savior.

He was so close to the one who could save him, but his last words were those of disbelief. He did not believe that Jesus was the Christ.

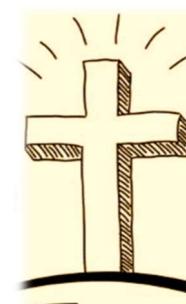


THE SECOND

CROSS

Jesus died on a cross between two criminals. He fulfilled the work that He came to do – to die for the sins of the world.

He had done nothing wrong. He was the Son of God who willingly gave His life for us to save us from eternal separation from God.



He died that day with:

SIN IN HIM AND SIN ON HIM

Lk 23:33 And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left.

Lk 23:39 Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us."

Ro 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

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

He came to give us forgiveness and a home in heaven. All this could come to anyone by simply believing in Him. That day He died as the perfect Son of God taking our sin on Himself.

Christ died that day with:

NO SIN IN HIM BUT SIN ON HIM

Lk 23:33 And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left.

Lk 23:34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots.

2Cor. 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Isa 53:4 Surely, He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.