

TELEESTAI

FATHER, FORGIVE THEM



The Point

Jesus came to save sinners.

Luke 23 (ESV)

26 And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. 27 And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. 28 But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.”

Luke 23 (ESV)

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 wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” 32 Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

Luke 23 (ESV)

33 And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34 And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.

WHAT IS THE PLAN OF SALVATION?



COMPELLING
TRUTH

Plan of Salvation

- Jesus' death was not a calamity
- Barabbas - Us
- Crucifixion
 - Cruellest of deaths "perfected"
 - Public humiliation
- "Joy set before Him" – Us
- Propitiation – "Payment that satisfies"

Plan of Salvation

- The Plan
 - Justice – All sin must be paid for (Penal)
 - Mercy – Payment delayed
 - Grace – Jesus as propitiation (Substitutionary Atonement)
- Received by faith

Luke 19 (ESV)

1 He entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3 And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. 4 So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.”

Luke 19 (ESV)

6 So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. 7 And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” 8 And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” 9 And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”



ANYONE

CAN BE SAVED

Anyone Can Be Saved

- Christianity is not a “country club for saints”
- We serve at an “outpost in enemy territory”
- Jesus hung out with the “wrong people”
- Zacchaeus
 - Rich tax collector
 - Sought out Jesus
 - Both were received joyfully

Anyone Can Be Saved

- Repentance – Zacchaeus gave back ill-gotten gain
- Super Bowl commercial (“He gets us”)
 - Compassion versus “grumbling” - Stripper story
 - Humbly serve others
 - Share Gospel
 - Not an affirmation of lifestyle
- Lost need a shepherd
- C.S. Lewis – Savior not just teacher

Questions

- Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” Who is the “them”?
- How can you be more like Jesus when you see “sinners”?
- What does the story of Zacchaeus show us about how Jesus pursues sinners?
- Who do you say Jesus is?

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