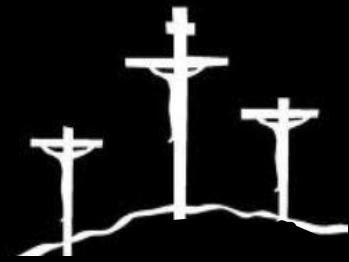


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Lk. 23:32-33, 39-43; Jn. 19:18, 32

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- The Events

Two robbers Mk. 15:27 (Jn. 18:40)

Both mocked Jesus

One of them repents and rebukes

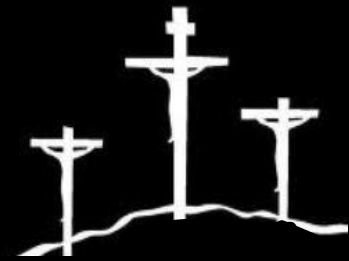
One of them defends and appeals to Jesus

Jesus answers him

What this criminal sees in his final hours

This criminal takes a last breath and . . .

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- The Lessons (Convince)

Consistency or contradiction with historical facts?

Claim: “Some gospels say Jesus was crucified with two thieves, though the Romans never crucified thieves.”

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# Consistent with or Contradict other Scripture?

**Mark** - The two thieves are mentioned, but there is no conversation

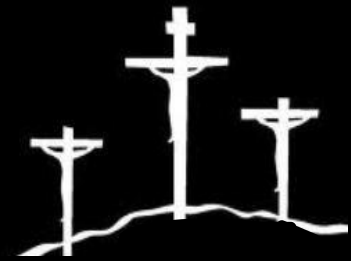
**Matthew 27:44** - The two thieves taunt Jesus

**Luke 23:39-42** - One thief taunts Jesus and is criticized by the other. Jesus promises the 2nd thief that they would be in Paradise that day, though John and Acts say he did not ascend to heaven until 40 days after his resurrection

**John** - The two men aren't described as thieves

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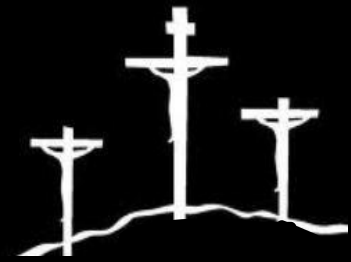


- The Lessons (Rebuke)

1. “The thief was saved without baptism, so baptism is not necessary for salvation today.”

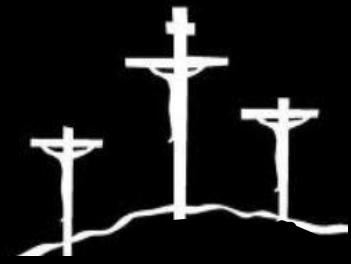
Eph. 4:5; Rom. 6:3-4; Heb. 10:9-10, 22; 2 Tim. 2:15

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- The Lessons (Rebuke)
  2. “I can be saved just like the robber—just ask!”
    - Without believing Jesus has died for me?
    - Without believing God has raised Him? Rom. 10:9
    - Without believing Jesus now reigns? Acts 2:33
    - Without believing what the apostles were told to preach? Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; Gal. 3:27

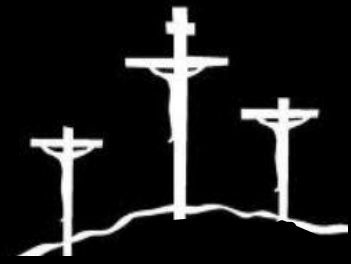
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- The Lessons (Exhort)

1. Providence, planting, watering, and increase

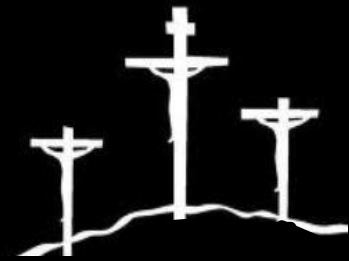
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- The Lessons (Exhort)
  2. Faithful until death Matt. 20:8-14



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- The Lessons (Exhort)

3. At death, Christians go to Paradise and await the resurrection and destruction of Hades

Acts 2:31; Lk. 16:23; 23:43;

Rev. 1:18; 20:13b-14; 1 Cor. 15:54-55

Mt. 27:38, 44; Mk. 15:27, 32;  
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