

The greatest grace ever

Luke 23:26-49, p. 858 (Part 4 of 7 – Luke 22-24)

I. JESUS DESIRED GRACE FOR THOSE REJECTING HIM AS HE WENT TO THE CROSS (LUKE 23:26-38).

- A. Jesus cared about Jerusalem's coming judgment (23:26-31).
- B. Jesus was crucified while forgiving His executioners and the crowd who mocked Him on the cross (23:32-38).

II. JESUS SAVED BY GRACE THE THIEF ON THE CROSS WHO SIMPLY PUT HIS FAITH IN JESUS (LUKE 23:39-43).

- A. One criminal insulted Jesus, demanding to be delivered if Jesus was the Messiah (39).
- B. The other criminal humbly asked Jesus to remember him after death, and Jesus promised him eternal life (40-43)!

III. JESUS DIED TO BEAR OUR PUNISHMENT FOR SIN AND GIVE US ACCESS TO GOD'S GRACE (Luke 23: 44-46).

- A. Darkness: God was judging sin by judging Jesus (44-45a).
- B. Veil: Jesus removed the barrier between us and God (45b).
- C. "I commit my spirit": Jesus chose to die (46).

IV. RESPONSES BEFORE RESURRECTION (LUKE 23:47-49).

- A. The centurion praised God realizing Jesus was innocent (47).
- B. The crowds were shocked and filled with guilt and fear (48).
The women were confused since they loved and believed in Jesus (49).