

“The Thief on the Cross”
The Gospel of the Nobodies Sermon Series
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Introduction: With God, there are no nobodies.

Anybody can be somebody in Jesus’ name.

God sees the person you _____ be, not the person you have been.

I. Luke 23:34, On the cross, *Jesus said, “Father f_____ them; for they do not know what they are doing.”*

Excruciating pain comes from the root word crucifixion.

It could take up to _____ days for someone to die.

Crucifixion was _____ in antiquity and practiced in many forms. Often as a last act of humiliation, they

s _____ those being crucified. It was a warning.

JESUS PRAYED FOR _____ FORGIVENESS.

I _____ FORGIVEN.

The first to apologize is the b _____.

The first to forgive is the s _____.

The first to forget is the h _____.

II. Luke 23:35, “The people stood by w _____.”

The leaders, s _____ at him as Messiah.

Luke 23:36-38, The soldiers m _____ him as King.

Luke 23:39, One c _____ derided (blasphemed) Jesus.

Luke uses the Greek word *Kakorgous* = people who do evil.

Two of these people are _____ feet from Jesus but they are worlds apart.

III. Luke 23:40-41, The other tells the t _____ and makes a request,

“*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*”

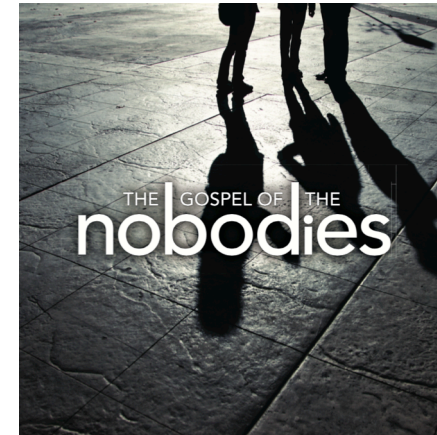
All he knew was that he was d _____ and Jesus might be his only hope.

IV. Luke 23:43, Jesus replied, “*Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in P _____.*”

The King’s personal g _____ including the most beautiful flowers, food, and exotic animals from all over the world.

It is a place of indescribable beauty reserved for the _____ and his friends.

Action Step:



Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, ‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!’ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’ There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, ‘Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’ But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.’ Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ He replied, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’

Luke 23: 32-43

