

Three Corpses, Three Destinations

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Lk 23:32 Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ^{33a} And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him... **Mt** 27:38 Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

³⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹ So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴² "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

⁴⁴ And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

Lk 23:36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

[Lk. 23:32-33a; Mt. 27:38-44; Lk. 23:36-42 ESV]

Introduction:

I. On the One Side: a _____

A. Past

1. Distant past
2. More recent past

B. Present

1. What was **being done to** him:
2. What he was **doing**

C. Future

1. Immediate
2. Eternal

II. In the Middle: _____

A. Past

1. Distant
 - a. Micah ____:2 [NASB]
 - b. John ____:1
 - c. John____:58

2. More recent
 - a. John ____:14
 - b. Ministry: Peter summed it up (Acts ____:37-39)
3. Immediate

B. Present

1. What?
2. Why?
3. To what end?
 - a. Matt ____:28
 - b. Romans ____:23-26

C. Future

1. Immediate
2. Future
3. Eternal

III. On the Other Side: _____

A. Past

B. Present

1. Started off exactly the same as the first
2. Consider the elements of his faith
 - a. He _____ **ed**
 - b. He _____ ed in _____

C. Future

1. Immediate
2. Eternal