

SAVED – IN THE NICK OF TIME!
(Luke 23:39-43)

- What do you think of the message of the cross? (1 Corinthians 1:17-18)
- Which one of these groups do you think are more likely to enter God's presence upon death? (Matt.21:23)

A. The SETTING of this TREMENDOUS STORY.

1. Jesus Christ, God who had become a man, offered the Jews their long awaited _____ as their rightful _____.
2. But instead of receiving Jesus as their Savior, the religious leaders of His day _____ Him instead.
 - Why did they do this?
3. Jesus Christ was then illegally _____ and condemned for the crime of _____.
4. The Roman soldiers under Pontius Pilate then _____ Jesus on a cross.

B. The SALVATION of the THIEF. (Luke 23:32-43)

1. The *predicament* of the *thieves*. (Luke 23:32-33)
2. The *prophecy* that was *fulfilled* was _____. (Mark 15:27-28)
3. The *providence* of *God* is seen by...
 - a. their hearing of Christ's _____. (Luke 23:34)
 - b. their observing of Christ's _____. (Luke 23:35-37)
 - c. their reading of Christ's _____. (Luke 23:38)
4. The *personal faith* of *one thief*.

It involved...

 - a. a recognition of God's _____. (Luke 23:39-40)

- b. an admission of his _____ . (Luke 23:41a)
- c. an acknowledgement of Christ's _____ and _____ . (Luke 23:41b-42a)
- d. a simple trust in _____ to save him. (Luke 23:42)
- e. a repentance toward Christ's _____ . (Mark 15:32)
 - How does this apply to you?

5. **The *promised salvation* of an *undeserving sinner*.**

This amazing salvation...

- a. was wholly by God's _____ .
- b. was received by simple _____ in Christ _____ .
- c. was a _____ salvation... “Assuredly, I say to you...”
- d. was a _____ possession... “Today”
- e. was _____ received... “you”
- f. was centered solely in _____ ... “will be with Me”
- g. guaranteed him a place in _____ ... “in Paradise”
- h. occurred before it was _____ .
 - How does all this apply to you?