Going To Hell From Calvary!

(Lk.23:26-46)

Intro: As we come to this passage of scripture we find the source of salvation. We see the 1. Power of the cross (Joh 12:32) And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. 2. The Pull of the cross. "will draw all men" 3. The Potential of the cross "all men" 4. The Person of the cross "unto me." 5. The Preaching of the cross (1Co 1:18) For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

1. These three crosses speak to us individually and significantly. Let's look at these three crosses and may they speak to us today.

I. Consider the cross of Rejection - The Deceived Sinner. (V.39)

1. Here we see that one who reject HIM. If you reject him there is a judgement day; Joh 12:48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

2. One might say I will not reject him I just am not going to a neutral position (Mt 12:30) He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.

A. Notice His Request. (V.39)

1. He prayed but he did not get saved. Notice the word "railed" It means to; blaspheme 17, speak evil of 10, rail on 1, speak blasphemy 1, blasphemously to speak reproachfully, rail at, revile, calumniate, blaspheme

B. Notice his Refusal. (V.39) "saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us."

1. He refused to be saved God’s way through the death of the cross; This passage conveys the idea of physical salvation not spiritual. He was saying prove you are the Savior and I will believe.

C. Notice His Rejection. (V.39) "saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us."

1. This shows us that a person can come close to salvation and still die lost. These words show us the wickedness and malice of his heart.

2. These words also show us that a person can and will reject Christ in their dying hour.

II. Consider the cross of Reception - The Decided Seeker. (V.40-43)

1. There is a excepted time to seek the Lord; (Isa 55:6) Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: (Zep 2:3) Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD’S anger. (2Co 6:2) (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

2. There is a time he will not be found; speaking to those often being reproved; (Pr 1:28) Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: Speaking to the nation of Israel (Ho 5:6) They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the LORD; but they shall not find him; he hath withdrawn himself from them. Shall not find grace and mercy with him; he will not be favourable to them, will not afford them any help, but give them up to utter ruin and destruction; as he did Israel at the Assyrian captivity, and Judah at the Babylonish captivity. Speaking to the Pharisees; (Joh 7:34)
Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come.

A. Notice his Predicament. (V.40)

1. He couldn’t work, kneel, buy or receive any ordinance or ceremony. (Eph2:8-9) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. (Tit 3:5) Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

2. Its not by Religious works, Right living, Relocation or Reorientation but by Repentance and faith in the shed blood.

B. Notice his Perception. (V.41-42) What did he see?

1. Consider he saw his Substitute. (V.41)

2. Consider he saw his Savior. (V.42) And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

C. Notice his Promise. (V.43) And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

1. Notice the Person who made the promise. "And Jesus said unto him"

2. Notice the Period of the promise. To day shalt thou be with me

3. Notice the Place of promise. in paradise

III. Consider the cross of Redemption - The Delivering Savior.

1. 1Pe 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers. Re 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

A. Notice the Picture Presented of our Lord.

1. The name Christ (V.35); He is the Scriptural one. Christ is a title. It is the N.T. equivalent of the O.T. term "messiah" and means "anointed one." It is applied to Jesus as the anointed one who delivers from sin. Jesus alone is the Christ. As the Christ He has three offices: Prophet, Priest, and King. As Prophet He is the mouthpiece of God and represents God to man. As Priest He represents man to God and restores fellowship between them by offering Himself as the sacrifice that removed the sin of those saved. As King He rules over His kingdom. By virtue of Christ creating all things; He has the right to rule.

2. The name Jesus (V.42); He is the Saving one. This name means Jehovah is Savior.

3. The name Lord (V.42); He is the Sovereign one. To rule in the affairs of men.

B. Consider the Pardon Provided through our Lord.

1. (Col.1:20-22) And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. 21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight:

2. His pardon is Free. (1Co.2:12) Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

3. His pardon is Full. (Ro 4:21) And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

4. His pardon is Forever. (Joh 3:36) He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. Also (Joh 5:24) Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.
Close: We see these three crosses the two malefactors one Repented the other Rejected. This rejecter went to hell form CALVARY I wonder if someone here will go to hell after viewing this third Cross in it we see the Redeemer!