

YOU GET WHAT YOU DESERVE

Things Jesus Never Said – Part 4

Luke 23:32-43

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Two others—criminals—were also led away with [Jesus]. When they arrived at the place called The Skull, they crucified Him there, along with the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. – Luke 23:32-33 HCSB

Then one of the criminals hanging there began to yell insults at Him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other answered, rebuking him: “Don’t you even fear God, since you are undergoing the same punishment? We are punished justly, because we are getting back what we deserve for the things we did...” – Luke 23:39-41a HCSB

“You and I are guilty. We deserve to die because we did wrong. But this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you begin ruling as king!” Then Jesus said to him, “I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise.” – Luke 23:41-43 ERV

- Faith in Jesus leads to our forgiveness and makes us part of God’s family.

But to all who believed in him and accepted him, he gave the right to become the children of God. – John 1:12 NLT

- God’s mercy keeps us from receiving any of the punishment we deserve.

In the past all of us lived like that, trying to please our sinful selves. We did all the things our bodies and minds wanted. Like everyone else in the world, we deserved to suffer God’s anger just because of the way we were. But God is rich in mercy, and he loved us very much. We were spiritually dead because of all we had done against him. But he gave us new life together with Christ. – Ephesians 2:3-5 ERV

- God’s grace ensures that we get all that we need but don’t deserve.

I mean that you have been saved by grace because you believed. You did not save yourselves; it was a gift from God. You are not saved by the things you have done, so there is nothing to boast about. God has made us what we are. – Ephesians 2:8-10a ERV

Jesus has the power of God. And his power has given us everything we need to live a life devoted to God. We have these things because we know him. – 2 Peter 1:3 ERV

- God’s love ensures that our failures are forgotten and never used against us.

We sinned against him, but he didn't give us the punishment we deserved. His love for his followers is as high above us as heaven is above the earth. And he has taken our sins as far away from us as the east is from the west. – Psalm 103:10-12 ERV

"I am the one who wipes away ALL your sins. I do this to please myself. I will not remember your sins." – Isaiah 43:25 ERV

"...I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins." – Jeremiah 31:34 NLT