**Two Thieves - Luke 23:32-48 May 25, 2022**

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**Introduction**

Not about Jesus - the two

At the cross/ crossroads - even at death

Is there still time?

**1. One Condemnation - Two Dispositions**

A. One Condemnation

1) Both are condemned to die

-by society

-by God

2) None righteous no not one

-irony, all in the same spiritual boat

B. Two Dispositions - attitudes

1) Resenter

-no fear of God

-at any moment, ushered into God’s presence

-hardened unto the end

-pain/ agony - yet kept pride

-still a doubter - if God really cared...

-is he angry?

2) Repenter

-humility - “remember me”

-a believer -

-really is a heaven

-really is about to die

-eyes are opened - “we die justly”

-I’ve been wrong all along

C. Dispositions/ attitudes

-are your stance

-your perspective

-example, take a believer’s attitude - find ways to believe

-You can look at life/ your life

-admit your wrongs

-or... not any worse than others

D. One is hardened by life, and one is softened

**2. One Condition - Two Directions**

A. One Condition

-both thieves

-both judged - sentenced

-both reviled (Matthew and Luke)

\*your life leans

!!). B. Look at their condition

-look back on wasted life

-look back on an unhappy life

C. Two Directions - here

-one continues, to bargain - “save self and us”

-noticed? Most die like we live

-continue to be busy/ work and lose family

-continue to smoke - one day lung cancer

-continue to drive too fast - one day a wreck

-one changes

-true repentance is change

-begins to pray - never prayed before

-begins to believe - after life

-believe in Jesus

Future changed from blackness to a complete future

What about the future?

**3. One Journey - Two Destinations**

A. Life is a journey - the life we’re on

B. Two ends/ destinations

-always results to deeds

-reap what we sow

-\*if only we could see the end at the beginning

C. How did this thief know what was to come?

D. Example of David and Bathsheba

-began with a look

-then action

-then a murder

-is this the end? No - that led to a cover up

-then Nathan comes - the child will die

Take away?

Every life has a: -disposition -direction -destination

Everything can change at the cross!

Both men had a chance/ a decision - even right up to the end of their lives

Jesus made the difference