**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