

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: Encounters
Message: The Remorseful
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What's one situation in your life where you had to make a hard choice quickly? What helped you decide?

Take some time to read the passage we focused on today. Underline the words and phrases that stand out to you as you read.

³⁹ One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, "So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you're at it!" ⁴⁰ But the other criminal protested, "Don't you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die?" ⁴¹ We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." ⁴³ And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 23:39-43 (NLT)

How would you describe the attitude of each man on the cross?

In verse 41, the second criminal admits, "We deserve to die." How rare is that kind of honesty today? Why is admitting our sin so important in coming to Jesus?

Jesus promises paradise with no conditions, just a response to faith. What does that tell us about His heart?

How does that challenge the way we sometimes view salvation or religious performance?

The criminal's choice changed his eternity. How do our daily choices reflect our relationship with Jesus?

What's one area in your life where you need to "choose Jesus" again this week?

Think of a current situation where you're being called to love like Jesus. What would it look like to choose grace, patience, or kindness in that moment?

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:
NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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What will we do with Jesus?

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Luke 23:40–41 (NLT)

Sin is anything we do, say, or think that breaks God's heart.

Jesus was not guilty.

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.
2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)

The innocent died for the guilty, so that the guilty could be made clean.

⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." ⁴³ And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 23:42-43 (NLT)

Jesus doesn't wait for perfection. He responds to honesty.

When you choose Jesus, it's not just about a moment – it's about a movement.

It's not just about what He does in us, it's about what He does through us.

Will you love others the way Jesus loved you?

The goal isn't to win an argument, it's to win a soul.