

MESSAGE NOTES



Series: The Bad Boys of Easter
Message: Front Row Seat
Speaker: Rusty Coram
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Until we are willing to accept the truth, we see what we want to see.

See Mark 15:27–32 (NLT) and Luke 23:39–43 (NLT) for the history of the two who were crucified with Jesus.

The truth is that all of us need what Jesus came to offer.

¹⁰ *As the Scriptures say,*

*“No one is righteous—
not even one.*

¹¹ *No one is truly wise;
no one is seeking God.*

¹² *All have turned away;
all have become useless.*

*No one does good,
not a single one.”*

Romans 3:10–12 (NLT)

Humbly accepting His gift changes everything!

⁸ *God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.*

Ephesians 2:8–9 (NLT)

In His life and His death, Jesus gave us the example we need to follow.

¹¹ *But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with such scum?”*

¹² *When Jesus heard this, he said, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do.” ¹³ Then he added, “Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: ‘I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.’ For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.”*

Matthew 9:11–13 (NLT)

¹ *I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. ² Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. ³ This is good and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. ⁵ For,*

There is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus. ⁶ He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone.

This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time. ⁷ And I have been chosen as a preacher and apostle to teach the Gentiles this message about faith and truth. I’m not exaggerating—just telling the truth.

1 Timothy 2:1–7 (NLT)

Jesus came to “seek and to save the lost”. How am I going to respond? There are two stages to this: accept and invite.

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TAKE HOME SHEET



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As we approach Good Friday and Easter, it is an opportunity to look inside at our hearts and minds. Along with the message notes, here are some things to think and meditate on this week:

⁶ And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say,
"God opposes the proud
but gives grace to the humble."

⁷ So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.

James 4:6–8 (NLT)

Is there any area in my life that I am holding back from God's influence and leadership?

If there is, I am giving the devil an open door to disrupt my life, and I need to run!

Is there any sin that I need to admit to God and ask for His help to resist?

⁸ If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. ⁹ But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

John 1:8–9 (NLT)

Knowing and experiencing the freedom of forgiveness and a new life naturally leads to wanting others to know it too. So, who will I pray for and invite to Good Friday and Easter next weekend?

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