

**Scripture:** God's Holy Law (Ex. 20) - Luke 23:35-43 & Ps. 130  
**Singing:** 400:1, 2, 3, 5 – 336:2 – 294:1-3 – 93:1-4 – 290:4, 6, 7

Intro: There is hardly a more solemn scene than Luke 23:33!

- A. It is a confronting and personal reality
- B. It is an illustrative reality of our condition
- C. It is also illustrative of our privilege

## TWO SINNERS DEALINGS WITH JESUS

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#### I. One sinner neglected Jesus

- A. Both are *indirectly* introduced to amazing glories of Jesus Christ: vs. 34-38
- B. Both men at first responded similarly (Matt. 27:44; Mark 15:32)
- C. Fool went from near to Jesus to infinitely far from Jesus (Matt 8:12; Luke 16:26)
  - 1. Why did he (and perhaps you) despise and neglect so great Savior Jesus?
    - 2. What is sin?
      - a. sin is *transgression of God's good law* (1 John 3:4)
      - b. sin is *assault on all God's attributes: sin goes about to ungod God*
      - c. sin is *worse than any suffering*
      - d. sin is worse than death
      - e. sin is worse than the devil

D. Be wise: study yourself in light of God's law in life of Jesus!

#### II. One sinner confessed Jesus

- A. Wisdom dawned on doomed man at Jesus' side: 40-41
  - 1. Wisdom is when you see yourself as vs. 40 tells you
    - a. compare Gal. 3:10; John 3:18; 3:36

2. Wisdom is when you fear God: Prov. 1:7; 9:10; 19:23; Luke 12:4-5

3. Wisdom is when you embrace God's dealings as just: vs. 41a

B. Greatest wisdom was *that* he confessed his sin and Jesus the Savior: vs. 42

1. We already heard his confession of 'naming & shaming of his sins'

2. We hear his amazing confession of faith in Jesus

a. only one explanation: 1 Cor. 12:3

b. true religion is essentially *the* willingness to honor, love, trust, follow,  
serve the Lord Jesus Christ

3. We hear his confession of faith in his humble plea: *Remember me ... !*

**Reflection:** Jesus did remember Him! (vs. 43)

A. Don't put off your dealings with Jesus till it is too late

B. Jesus remembers all who appeal like penitent to His heart: John 5:24

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### Gems to Ponder

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Confessing sin is not informing God. It is agreeing with Him. (D. Cleave)

The way to cover our sins is to uncover them by confession  
and to seek Jesus' covering righteousness in faith.

Godly sorrow is a gift from God. No hand but a divine hand can make the heart  
soft and tender under the sight and sense of sin. (T. Brooks)

The broken heart about sin is the only sound heart. (J. Trapp)

Repentance is the tear in the eye of faith. (D. L. Moody)

