

# **“Words From The Cross: Assurance”**

Sunday, March 24 @ 10:30AM | Worship Center

**Luke 22:39-43** (NLT): “One of the criminals hanging besides Jesus hurled insults at him. ‘So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself – and us, too, while you’re at it!’ But the other criminal rebuked him, ‘Don’t you fear God even when you are dying? We deserve to die for our evil deeds, but this man has not done anything wrong!’ Then he said, Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.’ And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.”



## **What must I know to be saved? 5 Truths that saved the dying man**

1. I must know that I will face God after I die. Luke 23:40 (LB); Hebrews 9:27 (NASB)
2. I must know that I have sinned against God. Luke 23:41 (NLT); Romans 6:23 (NIV)
3. I must know that Jesus was more than a man. Luke 23:41 (NLT); Ecclesiastes 7:20 (NASB); 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NASB)
4. I must know only God's grace can save me. Luke 23:42 (NLT); Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)
5. I must know Jesus will save me if I ask. Luke 23:42 (NLT); Acts 16:31 (NASB)

## **How can I be sure I am saved? The Promise of God's Word**

Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.” Luke 23:43 (NLT)

- It is immediate “Today”
- It is certain “you will”
- It is a relationship “be with me”
- It is a place forever “in paradise”

## **When can I be saved? Now**

“...This is the hour to receive God's favor! Today is the day to be saved!” 2 Corinthians 6:2 (GNT)

“Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.” Romans 10:13 (NASB)

**The One who gives life and is life, died that those who are dead might receive life. That is Assurance!**