

MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL BULLETIN NO 14

This last person who followed Jesus may surprise you. He was a hardened criminal! Is there any hope that God will forgive such a person as this? Yes! In exactly the same way as He saves and forgives any other person.



Read Luke 23 v 32-43.

1) What do you know about the two other men crucified with Jesus?

(v 32)

Think of the parable of the good Samaritan. These men were like those robbers - cruel and ruthless. Only the worst of criminals were crucified, so these men were not nice people to know!



Check **Matthew 27 v 44.** 2) What was the attitude of both of these thieves to start with?

3) What did this one thief hear the Lord Jesus saying which must have made him take notice?

(v 34)

4) The rulers looking on spoke nastily about Jesus. What did they say He had done for others?

(v 35)

But that was true! He wouldn't save Himself because that was the whole reason He had come - to save lost sinners. He could only do that by taking their place and bearing God's punishment for sin. This thief realised it was all true!

5) What did he say about his own punishment? (v 40-41)

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6) What did he say about Jesus? (v 41)

7) What did the thief do next? (v 42)

8) Did Jesus answer his prayer? How? (v 43)

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Steps of Conversion

Do you wonder if you have been converted? Use these steps to test yourself. Pray over them.

1) **HEAR ABOUT JESUS.** *The thief saw and heard about Jesus - He had saved others. He knew Jesus had healed the sick and forgiven sins.*

2) **BELIEVE WHO THE LORD JESUS REALLY IS.** *The thief realised Jesus was holy, and had great love for sinners. He believed what the Bible said about the Messiah, the Son of God, the Saviour Who would willingly die for those who trust Him. He knew this Man was that Saviour, the Son of God. Do you?*

3) **REALISE YOUR SIN AND TURN TO THE LORD IN PRAYER.** *The thief only used 9 words, but he meant every one. You must come humbly to the Lord, asking for forgiveness and truly trusting in what Jesus has done to take away sin. Have you?*

4) **GIVE YOURSELF TO THE LORD.** *This means being ready to live for Him, even when others laugh or are unkind to you. It means giving your whole life to serve the Lord Who loved you so much that He was ready to die for you. Has God made you willing to give your life to Him?*



The Dying Thief

This thief deserved to die as a punishment for his sin. The Lord Jesus saved him when he confessed his sin and trusted in the Saviour. He will do the same for you if you come with true repentance and ask for forgiveness.

Thieves sometimes steal from safes by breaking the code. See if you can break this code and find out what it says.

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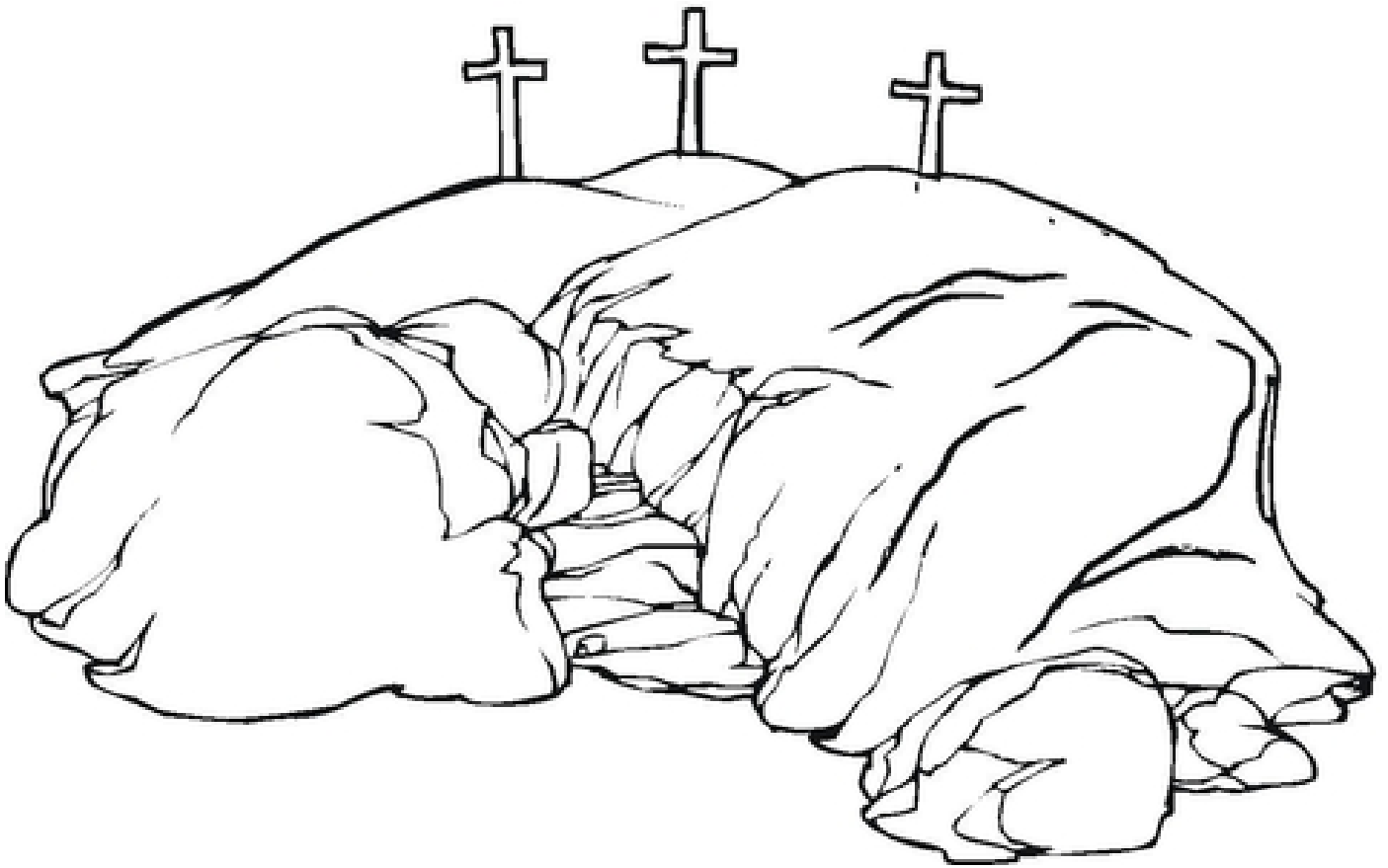


A verse to memorise:

“We receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.”

Luke 23 v 41

For younger ones



Read Luke 32 - 43

The Bible tells us how the Lord Jesus was cruelly put to death by wicked people. He had done nothing wrong. He had been so kind to the sick and poor. But proud men hated Him.

Two other men were also crucified with Jesus. They were bad men. They had robbed people and hurt them. One of them saw how Jesus was so kind even when He was hurting very much. He heard Him pray for the soldiers. He heard Him care for His mother. He knew that Jesus was the Saviour that God had promised to send to rescue sinful people like him.

This thief cried out to Jesus. He wanted Him to forgive him for all his sins and take him to Heaven, so he cried, "Lord, remember me!" The Lord Jesus said that he would be with Him in Heaven that day.

Jesus died to save people like you and me, and to take them to Heaven. Have you asked Jesus to forgive your sins?