

Luke 23:26-49  
The King on the Cross



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Tom Schreiner

“We should never say that our evil is so great that we could never turn to God.”

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Jerry Bridges

“Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God’s grace. And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God’s grace.”

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Jesus is defeating sin and death on our behalf as our King. He is establishing His kingdom at the cross. He is sovereign even in His suffering!

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Scotty Smith

“God’s grace is stronger than our worst sins, and his blood is deeper than our lowest days. This does not make us stop pursuing holiness — it makes us pursue it all the more. We hate the sin he died for, and love to see his beauty, his righteousness, and his glory increasingly reflected in our lives. We do not celebrate or settle for failure, but we do rejoice in a love that is stronger than our worst days.”

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Luke 23:26-31

# I. The Compassionate King




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Luke 23:27-28

“And there followed him a great multitude of the people of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, ‘Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.’”

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Luke 13:34-35

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

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Luke 19:41-44

“And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, ‘Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation.’”

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Ezekiel 33:11

“Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?”

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Even at the moment of his great misery and suffering, he notices those who are weeping for him and he grieves over those who would not come to him and now will face a dark day of destruction.

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Luke 15:7

“Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”

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You can come to God in your worst moments knowing that Jesus weeps when we don't repent.

He rejoices when we do.

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Luke 23:32-38

## II. The Forgiving King



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Luke 23:34

"And Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.'"

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“Whenever we crucify the condemned, the most crowded roads are chosen, where the most people can see and be moved by this terror. For the penalties relate not so much to retribution as their exemplary effect. (Quintilian, Decl. 274

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This is humanity at it’s cruelest and at its worst. This is Jesus at his best: forgiving his mockers and staying on the cross for the very ones who scorn him.

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Jeremy Treat

“Jesus reveals his kingship not by coming down from the cross to save himself, but by staying on the cross to save others. Jesus reigns by saving, and he saves by giving his life.”

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Luke 23:39-43

## III. The Gracious King




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Luke 23:42-43

"And he said 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.'"

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That is one of the clear distinguishing features between a true believer and a false professor. The false religionist wants Jesus to give them back their life. The true believer wants to be forgiven and to be given a life without sin and the curse. They want to join Jesus in his kingdom with a new life in a new world.

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What is it that you are seeking from Jesus? Are you coming to Jesus so you can carry on in your old life without consequences? Or do you want Jesus and a new life in his kingdom?

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Luke 23:44-49  
IV. The Willing King



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Luke 23:44-45

“It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun’s light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.”

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The tearing of the curtain of the temple reveals the great accomplishment of the King on the cross. He opened up a way into the very holy of holies through his sacrifice on the cross. This was a new day of access to God for sinners.

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Luke 23:46  
 "Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit! And having said this, he breathed his last.'"

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Psalms 31:5  
 "Into your hand, I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God."

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John 10:18

"No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

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Jeremy Treat

"The cross is neither the failure of Jesus' messianic ministry nor simply the prelude to his royal glory, but the apex of his kingdom mission—the throne from which he rules and establishes his kingdom."

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Luke 23:47

"Now, when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying 'Certainly this man was innocent!'"

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Are you willing to praise God  
today and admit:  
Jesus is the righteous one of  
God offered in your place?

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