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Title: God Can Save Us at Any Time

Text: Luke 23:39-43

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence?" <sup>41</sup> We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.

**Isaiah 53:9** - He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

The two thieves are examples of sinner's today. One thief chose to mock Jesus. The other thief asked for mercy and received it. In the dying moments of Jesus, we see that salvation truly was His priority in coming to the earth. Yet like the two thieves not everyone gets saved.

**Jesus came to seek and save sinners from an eternity in Hell.**

**Luke 19:10** - For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.

**John 18:37** - "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

**No matter what we have done Jesus can save us. v.43.**

**Mark 3:28-29** - <sup>28</sup>I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. <sup>29</sup>But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin."

**Salvation has to take place before we die. v.42-43**

There's no second chance.

**Hebrews 9:27** - Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.

Death is certain

**Today is the day to be saved.**

**2 Corinthians 6:2** - For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

**Salvation is immediate. v.43**

This day you will be with me in paradise.