

3/28/21 - Speaker: Kenny Dunham

"Series: At the Cross"

#### 4. At the Cross With The Condemned Criminal

#### Honoring Holy Week

- Palm Sunday
- Thursday Betrayal
- Good Friday At the Cross
- Sunday Resurrection

Read [Luke 23:32-43](#)

Some things to point

- Crucifixion was a public scene
- The comedy and foolishness of man

*Can you see the Ironies in contradiction to the Truth?*

1 Corinthians 1:18

#### The Rebuke and Conversion

#### First Observation

The Criminal has \_\_\_\_\_

Fear *FOR* God is submitting ourselves to a loving God.

No Fear for God is submitting ourselves to (and implicating ourselves in) evil.

Ecclesiastes 8:11-13, Matthew 10:28, Ezekiel 18:23

#### Second Observation

The Criminal acknowledges \_\_\_\_\_

Forgiveness is no longer holding one's sin against you.

The Criminal knew his own sin and wanted the forgiveness

Jesus prayed for his mockers Romans 5:7, Romans 6:23

#### Third Observation

The Criminal believes \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 1:19 "Lamb of God"

Jesus is God's Messiah. He is Perfect in his nature and divinity

#### Fourth Observation

The Criminal personally \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 10:9, John 14:6, Ephesians 2:4-10

Salvation is not through group or family affiliation. It comes from one man, Jesus, to one person, you. It is not something you can earn or obtain on your own.

#### Fifth Observation

The Salvation of Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 2:21,

Luke 23:43 Jesus replied, "I assure you, **today** you will be with me in paradise."

#### Living in the Now and Not Yet

- We are saved now, We do not have paradise yet. We are waiting for the return of Christ.

2 Peter 3:9 God's grace is seen as he delays his judgement on the wicked so that they will repent.

- Honor our stories of betrayal and suffering and move closer into the kindness of God that leads us to repentance.

#### Blessing

1 Peter 5:10-11

(Key: Fear For God, his own sin and its consequences, that Jesus is sinless, calls out to Jesus, immediate and full of Grace).