

Title: ON WHICH SIDE OF THE CROSS ARE YOU? Text: Luke 23:39-43; 24:6

I TWO PEOPLE DESERVED TO BE THERE (39)

✓ We deserve to be there too. (Romans 3:23)

II THE PERSON ON ONE CROSS WAS SELF- CENTERED (39)

✓ He didn't care that he was guilty.

✓ He didn't understand what Christ was accomplishing there.

✓ His only desire was what he could get, not what Christ was offering.

III THE PERSON ON THE OTHER CROSS WAS SAVIOR-CENTERED (40-42; 24:6)

✓ He confessed his guilt (40-41)

✓ He confessed Jesus' innocence. (41)

✓ He asked Jesus for mercy. (42)

✓ He received both mercy and grace (43)

✓ Jesus could do so because:

1. He is God (John 10:30)

2. He died a death He didn't deserve to pay a debt
He didn't owe. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

3. He conquered death. (Luke 24:6)

4. The man confessed Christ

On which side are you?

1. Are you on the side that wants Jesus to be nothing more than your spiritual "sugar daddy"?

✓ If so, you'll never be satisfied and will spend life and eternity in misery. (Rev. 20:13-15)

✓ You don't have to stay that way. (Romans 10:13)

2. Are you on the side that has accepted Jesus as the Savior and Lord of your life?

✓ If so, your satisfaction with life and with God are guaranteed (John 10:10; Phil. 4:19)

✓ If so, you can spend your life and eternity enjoying God. (Neh. 8:10; Matt. 25:21,23; Rev. 21:1-6)

3. Will you leave today in a state of celebration in Christ or in a state of separation from God?