

MAY 4

“LORD, REMEMBER ME.”

READ

Luke 23:32-43

Jesus was hanging on a cross between two thieves. One thief said, “Why can’t You save us? Why can’t You save Yourself?” In his dying moments, this thief was so bitter, full of venom and hatred, he would spend his last energy going after Jesus. The other thief knew this was his last shot and he was not going to come off that cross alive. He looked at Jesus and said, “Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” Jesus, in extreme pain, bleeding to death, said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.” In less than thirty minutes, the thief was exactly where Jesus said he would be. Now, you can look into the eyes of Jesus by faith, and say, “Lord, remember me. I am a sinner; I can’t save myself. I’m going to die. Lord, remember me.” The very moment you say those words to Jesus, you don’t go to paradise; paradise comes into you. The peace that passes all understanding comes and floods your soul. Condemnation is thrown aside, and you become a citizen of glory and a child of God, having free access to the throne of God anytime, day or night. You become a righteous child of God through faith and by His grace, pardoned forever. Whom the Son sets free is free indeed!

PRAY

To our last dying breath, You hear our cries for mercy. As I continue to pray for the lost I love, I am encouraged to know that You are long-suffering, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

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