

**THE TRUE GOSPEL**  
**100 SCRIPTURES ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

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**A CRIMINAL ASKS JESUS FOR THE KINGDOM**

Luk 23:39 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

Luk 23:40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

Luk 23:41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

Luk 23:42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into **THY KINGDOM.**

Luk 23:43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Note: Here Jesus promised the criminal who was being crucified next to him, that he would be with him, referring to the Kingdom as 'paradise'.

Luk 23:43 should read, "And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee today, thou shalt be with me in paradise." The comma should go after 'today', not after 'thee'.

Jesus could not promise the man that he would be in the Kingdom 'today' since he himself did not enter into his Kingdom in that very day. He was dead and in the grave for three days and three nights before he was resurrected into the eternal life of the Kingdom of God.

It is important to notice something about the three people who were crucified. One was crucified who deserved it, but did not repent. One was crucified who deserved it, but did repent. One was crucified who did not deserve it at all. God did not save any of the three from their crosses. The lesson is that God may not save us from a painful cross we have to bear. But we can have the hope of eternal life if we have the repentant attitude of the criminal.