

Numbered with the Transgressors

Isaiah 53:12; Mt. 27:38, 44; Mk. 15:27-32;

Luke 23:32-43; Jn. 19:18

Calvary Baptist Church

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I. A Proof of the **Reliability** of the Word of God (Isa. 53:12; Mk. 15:28)

- God Himself had it written down that this was the fulfillment of prophecy.
- This was the proof that the Word of God cannot be broken.

QUOTE: But the fact is by no means exceptional, for everything that occurred at the cross was foretold in the Old Testament. His silence before His accusers had been spoken of by Isaiah: "As a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." The reviling of the passers-by as they wagged their heads was foretold by David, who, by inspiration, put the words upon Christ's lips: "I became also a reproach unto them: when they looked upon me they shook their heads" (Psalm 22:7; 109:25). The very words that expressed their mockery were a quotation from the 22nd Psalm: "He trusted on the Lord that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him." The parting of His garments and the casting of the lot were the fulfillment of what David wrote in Psalm 22:18, and His cry of abandonment was an exact quotation from the first verse of that Psalm. The refraining of the soldiers from breaking His legs, as was customary, and the piercing of His side were according to the infallible Word. Roman custom can be broken, but not Scripture, and it, centuries before, had declared, "A bone of him shall not be broken," and again, "They shall look upon me whom they have pierced" (Psa. 34:20; Zech. 12:10). And these are not all. A score more were fulfilled in those few hours. George E. Guille, *The Gospel in the Crucifixion*

II. A Provision for the **Redemption** of Man (James 2:10; 1 Cor. 15:3)

- But there is another great truth to be seen here. In being identified with **sinners**, we see that Jesus is identifying Himself with **us**.

III. A Pattern for **Repenting** Sinners (Mk. 15:32; 2 Cor. 4:3-6; Luke. 23:32-43)

- He knew of the **righteousness** of Christ "nothing amiss"
- He knew of the role of Christ "Lord"
- He knew of the **return** of Christ "when thou comest"

QUOTE: So our Lord shall have some **fruit** from His death even before it occurs, shall gather a sheaf from this unlikely field – enemies mocking, all the world against Him, darkness gathering round! Without an upbraiding word, nor even a reference to the blasphemy in which the thief has been but now engaged, He, so eager to save, makes answer, “Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise.” Marvelous grace! Snatching out of the very jaws of death a man **unfit** to live on earth, and, without question or condition, fitting him to associate with Himself in **Paradise**! And He remains to this hour the same wonder-working Savior. “There was on such case,” they say, “that none might despair: yet only one that none might presume.” But let us rather say that this is a **pattern** case of salvation, described so carefully that none can possibly mistake it. George E. Guille, *The Gospel in the Crucifixion*

IV. A Picture of Replacement

A. He Took Barabbas' Place (Mk. 15:15)

B. He Took My Place (1 Peter 3:18; 2 Cor. 5:21; Rom. 6:6; Gal. 2:20)

- He took my place that day!
- You and I are those thieves.
- We are **criminals** in the court of God.
- Yet no sentence need be placed upon us, for Jesus paid the price for my sins, for your sins!
- In the eternal counsels of God, we have been **crucified** with Christ.
- When we come in Christ in faith, it matters not what we **were**.
- That old man dies on the cross.
- God looks upon us, based not upon what we have done, but what **Christ** has done.
- God looks upon us, and sees not our sin, but the righteousness of Christ.

CONCLUSION: