

Unwavering Faith – Luke 23

Acts 2:24 – But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Luke 23:26-27, When they led Him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, coming in from the country, and placed on him the cross to carry behind Jesus. **27** And following Him was a large crowd of the people, and of women who were mourning and lamenting Him...**32** Two others also, who were criminals, were being led away to be put to death with Him. **33** When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left.

1. The Thief – _____

Luke 23:32 Two others also, who were criminals, were being led away to be put to death with Him.

Luke 23:36-37 The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine, and saying, “If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!”

Matthew 27:44 The robbers who had been crucified with Him were also insulting Him with the same words.

Luke 23: 39-43 One of the criminals who were hanged *there* was hurling abuse at Him, saying, “Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!” 40 But the other answered, and rebuking him said, “Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed *are suffering* justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” 42 And he was saying, “Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!” 43 And He said to him, “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.”

Luke 23:44-45 It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour, 45 because the sun was obscured; and the veil of the temple was torn in two.

2. Mocking Crowd – _____

Luke 23:35 “He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God, His Chosen One.”

- Jesus said He’s the _____ way to salvation.
- John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.
- Acts 4:12 And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”

- “If you’re right and I’m wrong, I’ve lost _____. If I’m right and you’re wrong, you’ve lost _____.

3. The Women – _____

Luke 24:1-9 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing; 5 and as *the women* were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, *the men* said to them, “Why do you seek the living One among the dead? 6 “He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, 7 saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.” 8 And they remembered His words, 9 and returned from the tomb and reported all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

Matthew 28:8 And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples.

4. The Disciples – _____

Luke 24:10-12 Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the *mother* of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the apostles. 11 But these words appeared to them as nonsense, and they would not believe them. 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings only; and he went away to his home, marveling at what had happened.

- Struggles may come from disillusionment or _____.

1 Peter 1:3-9 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead... and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.