



“FROM DESERVED PUNISHMENT TO UNDESERVED PARADISE”

Series: “EXTREME MAKEOVER: LIFE EDITION”, Part 3 of 4
Sunday, April 13, 2025, at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Text: Luke 23:32-33, 39-43

Big Idea: When we realize Jesus is who He claims to be, it causes us to cry out to Him for grace and forgiveness.

Luke 23:32-33, Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left.

Luke 23:39-43, One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”

FIVE FACTS ABOUT MAKEOVERS:

I. MAKEOVERS ARE SOMETIMES REALLY EXTREME!

Matthew 27:44, In the same way the robbers who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

II. MAKEOVERS ARE PRECEDED BY ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SIN, AND REPENTANCE.

Luke 23:40-41, But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

Luke 23:40b, “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence?”

Luke 23:41a, “We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve.”

III. MAKEOVERS ARE NOT EARNED OR DESERVED.

Ephesians 2:8-9, “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.”

IV. MAKEOVERS COME BY PLACING ONE’S TRUST IN CHRIST AND CALLING UPON HIM.

Luke 23:42, Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

V. MAKEOVERS CAN COME EVEN AT THE 11TH HOUR.

Luke 23:43b, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Luke 12:4-5, “I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him.”

2 Corinthians 12:2-4, I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows— was caught up to paradise. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell.”