

Sermon Handout
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Central Church of Christ

Words of the Cross:
Today, you will be with me in paradise
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Main Points:

1. There were two types of people at the cross: Those who rejected Jesus and those who accepted Him as Savior.

Reasons for People's Rejections:

- Misunderstanding the purpose of Jesus' death.
- Minimizing the need for salvation.
- Mocking Jesus despite His kingship.

2. The cross means we must choose a response to Jesus.

The cross is the heart of the Gospel and the only hope for humanity. It reveals God's love, mercy, grace, and justice. We must all make a personal decision regarding Jesus at the cross. Accepting Jesus leads to eternal hope and empowerment by the Holy Spirit.

Bottom Line: Eternal hope begins with accepting Jesus and His promise of eternal life.

Family Discussion Questions:

1. What does the story of the two thieves teach us about the choices we have regarding Jesus?
2. How can we ensure we are not minimizing our need for Jesus in our daily lives?
3. In what ways can we reflect on the purpose of Jesus' death and its impact on our lives?
4. How can we share the message of the cross with others in a way that invites them to make a personal decision about Jesus?

Scripture References: Matthew 16:24–27; Luke 23:26–43; John 3:18; Acts 17:30–31; Romans 1:20–21; Titus 2:11–14

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