

YOU DEFINITELY GET WHAT YOU DESERVE

Luke 23:32-43

Did He Say That? Week 4

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

“One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” - Luke 23:39 NIV

“But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. ...” - Luke 23:40-41 NIV

“We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” - Luke 23:41-42 NIV

He said to a criminal who COULDN’T do a single THING to earn his right STANDING with GOD.

“Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.” - Luke 23:43 NIV

“... Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions ... ⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast.” - Ephesians 2:3-5, 8-9 NIV

We deserve PUNISHMENT from God.

Jesus did not COME to make BAD people GOOD.

Jesus CAME to make DEAD people ALIVE.

“He [God] does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. ¹¹For his unfailing love toward those who fear

him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. ¹²He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west." - Psalm 103:10-12 NLT

We definitely don't get what we deserve.

Digging Deeper & Life Application

- Why do you think the idea of getting what you deserve is so popular?
- Read Psalm 103:10-12. Why does God not give us what we deserve?
- How can we show Jesus' love to others—to our family, friends, and those in our community
- Spend time in prayer this week, thanking God for His great love for us and the grace He's freely given us.