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*The Condemned Criminal*

<sup>32</sup> “Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. <sup>33</sup> When 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. <sup>34</sup> Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

<sup>35</sup> The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar <sup>37</sup> and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

<sup>38</sup> There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews. <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup> But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? <sup>41</sup> We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Luke 23:32-43

**The Gospel is....**

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It was \_\_\_\_\_ and it is \_\_\_\_\_

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**MEMORY VERSE**

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”  
1 Corinthians 1:18

**MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .**

- Commit my life to Jesus Christ for the first time
- Memorize 1 Corinthians 1:18
- Ask God to help me to see my life through the eyes of faith
- Ask God for the courage to share his good news regardless of how it may be received
- Pray for those who will be joining us next weekend at ERBC for the first time.
- Invite someone to come and celebrate Easter at ERBC



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