



## Characters in the Bible The Two Thieves “Choices”

Based on Luke 23:32-43

### 1. God Gives us the privilege of choice.

*Here are some examples from scripture*

- \* *Building your life house on rock or sand (Matthew 7:24-27)*
- \* *Follow the light or the darkness (John 1:9-12)*
- \* *Serve God or make money your God (Matthew 6:24)*

*“The two criminals also said cruel things to Jesus”. Matt. 27:44*

*One of the criminals hanging there also insulted Jesus by saying, “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and save us!” But the other criminal told the first one off, “Don’t you fear God? Aren’t you getting the same punishment as this man? We got what was coming to us, but he didn’t do anything wrong.” Then he said to Jesus, “Remember me when you come into power!” Jesus replied, “I promise that today you will be with me in paradise.” Luke 23:39-43*

### 2. No matter how many bad choices we have made in the past one choice for Jesus redeems them all.

### 3. We also are given the choice. Life with God or life without.

#### **When We Choose Christ...**

*“Christ came to his own people, but they rejected him. However, to all who believed in him he gave the right to become children of God, ...and from Christ’s abundance we have been blessed... God’s unfailing love and faithfulness come through Christ.” John 1: 11-16*

*Jesus said...*

*“Talk to God in my name and he will hear your prayer and you will have abundant joy”. John 16:24*

*“...I have told you all these things (so that when you believe in me) you may have peace in me.” John 16:31-33*

**May you have the wisdom to make the choice to reach out to Jesus each and every day.**

