



THE KING'S EXALTATION

Luke Chapters 23-24

READ

- Read Luke 23:26-43 and consider what lesson the Holy Spirit intends us to learn.

EXAMINE

- Verses 26-43 tell us what happened to Jesus the day he was crucified. Read the verses in the following sections and look for three things: what is happening to Jesus, who Jesus focuses on, and what Jesus says.

- 26-31 –
- 32-38 –
- 39-43 –

- How is Jesus described or referred to in these verses?
- What contrasts do you see between the two thieves hung beside Jesus (39-43)? What is it about the one thief's testimony that prompts Jesus to assure him of "paradise" (43)?

APPLY

- "When the wood is green... when it is dry" (31) refers to an unavoidable dilemma. Sin must be punished; judgment from God must come on sinners. Even Jesus Himself was not spared but suffered for us all. What suffering awaits those who remain in their sin and refuse the Savior?
- "Father, forgive them..." (35). Jesus practices the love for enemies that He has preached. How have you benefited from His love and forgiveness?
- "You will be with me in paradise" (43). Jesus assures all who turn to Him in repentance and faith of "paradise" with Him. What are the things you most look forward to about paradise with Jesus?
- Which criminal do you see yourself aligned with? Why?

PRAY

- Take time to praise God for who He is, confess sins, and/or make requests based on this passage.

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