



**A terrorist:  
from hell to paradise**  
Luke 23:32 - 49

## 1. Forgiveness of sins???

For whom ?????

Don't play the "I am not a sinner" game - it is self just delusion

"Forgive us our sins, as we ....." "

## 2. Jesus dies for sinners

Mocked by religious leaders (v35)

soldiers (v36-38)

a terrorist (v39)

## 3. A terrorist's "death bed conversion" v40-42

Awareness of his own guilt

Knows he faces certain Judgement from the God he fears

Responds in abject humility - he begs for mercy:

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom"

This is the shape of genuine discipleship:

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* Matthew 5:3

#### 4. We are saved by GRACE NOT WORKS !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

“I tell you the TRUTH, TODAY you will be WITH ME in paradise”

#### 5. Forgiveness goes beyond fairness.

Apart from grace fairness just brings condemnation and judgement

#### 6. Learn the lessons from the terrorist

DON'T rely on your “works”, “churchiness”, “morality” etc.

DON'T plan your own “death bed conversion”

DON'T resent the latecomer to the kingdom - Rejoice with God  
(remember the parable of the workers in the vineyard)

“But the master answered one of them, ‘Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? 14 Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. 15 Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ 16 **“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”**

Matthew 20:13-16.

DON'T presume upon God's grace

“**One** alone was saved upon the Cross that none might despair;  
and **only** one, that none might presume.”

DON'T pretend that you are beyond the reach of God's grace

**DO** regularly return to God with your bankrupt spirit  
and beg for mercy. Then thank him for his grace.