

OUTCAST

good news for the down and out

“Outcasts”

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Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with him. 33 When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left.

34 Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.” And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.

35 The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. “He saved others,” they said, “let him save himself if he is really God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

36 The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine. 37 They called out to him, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” 38

A sign was fastened above him with these words:

“This is the King of the Jews.”

39 One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, “So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you’re at it!”

40 But the other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? 41 We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.” 42 Then he said,

“Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.”

43 And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.”
- Luke 23:32-43

The VALUE of the OUTCAST

1. The _____ reveals our true _____

When we look at the thief on the cross If anyone was ever worthless, this one was. If any man ever deserved dying, this man did. If any fellow was ever a loser, this fellow was at the top of the list. Perhaps that is why Jesus chose him to show us what he thinks of the human race.

2. The _____ allows us to see things _____

*“Dear woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple,
“Here is your mother.” - John 19:26*

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.” And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.
- Luke 23:34

But the other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? 41 We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.” 42 Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.” - Luke 23:40-42

3. The _____ welcomes every _____

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- Luke 23:43

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. You are precious in my eyes, because you are honored and I love you... the mountains may depart hills may be shaken, but my love for you will never leave you and my covenant of peace with you will never be shaken. – Is 43:1,4; 54:10

(Cross, Value, Cross, Differently, Cross, Outcast)

Memory verse: *For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,” says the Lord, who has compassion on you. - Isaiah 54:10*

My Next Step Today is...

- Memorize Isaiah 54:10
- How has the Cross changed how you see yourself? The world?
- What have you done to welcome the outcast?
- I want to talk to someone about receiving Christ as my Savior.

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