They Crucified Three

John 19:17-18

- Three were crucified.
  - Jesus. John 19:38; Matthew 27:22-31
  - Two who were criminals. Matthew 27:38

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- The first died **IN** sin.
  - An unrepentant robber. Ephesians 4:28
    - Physical consequences to his crime. Romans 13:3-5; Acts 25:11
    - Rebelled against the laws of God and man. 1 John 3:4
  - Railed at Jesus unto the end. Luke 23:39

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- The first died IN sin.

No chance for one who dies without repentance.

- Dead in sin (**Ephesians 2:1, 11-12**) **NO HOPE**.
- Eternal fire (**Matthew 25:41, 46**).

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- The second died TO sin.
  - Robber, dying for his crime.
  - Recognized his sin. Luke 23:40-41
    - Time for honesty. 1 John 1:8, 10
    - Godly sorrow works repentance. 2 Corinthians 7:10
  - Wasn't too late.
    - Desired mercy. Luke 23:42

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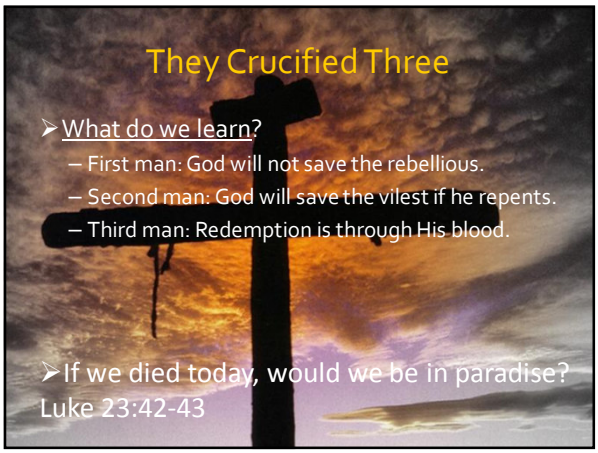
- The third died FOR sin.
  - He died for OUR sins. Galatians 1:4; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
  - He died for our "redemption." 1 Peter 1:18-20
  - His was a death of love. Romans 5:8-9; John 15:13; John 10:16-18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What do we learn?
– First man: God will not save the rebellious.
– Second man: God will save the vilest if he repents.
– Third man: Redemption is through His blood.
If we died today, would we be in paradise?
Luke 23:42-43