

# When Love Speaks: Seven Words From the Cross



## Part 2

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### The Word of Assurance

**Luke 23:39-43 (NLT)** “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!’ But the other criminal protested, ‘Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.’ Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.’ And Jesus replied, ‘I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.’ ”

### How to Join the Other Camp and Join Christ in Paradise

1. Realize there is more to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 23:40 (NIV)** “But the other criminal protested, ‘Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die?’ ”

**Luke 23:39 (NLT)** “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!’ ”

2. Realize that you are not \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 5:27-28 (NLT)** “ ‘You have heard the commandment that says, ‘You must not commit adultery.’ But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.’ ”

**Luke 23:40-41 (NLT)** “But the other criminal stopped him and said, ‘You should fear God! You are getting the same punishment he is. We are punished justly, getting what we deserve for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong.’ ”

3. Realize that Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 23:42 (NLT)** “Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.’ ”

**Luke 23:43 (NLT)** “And Jesus replied, ‘I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.’ ”

### **What does this Promise Mean for Us?**

- Don't \_\_\_\_\_ it.

Bible versions key: NIV-New International Version, CEV- Contemporary English Version, GN-Good News Bible, NLT-New Living Translation, NCV-New Century Version, MES-The Message

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