

A TRULY REMARKABLE CONVERT

There are a number of remarkable conversions in the Bible.
But perhaps, the most remarkable conversion in the Bible was
The Thief on The Cross. **Luke 23:32-43**

What makes this conversion so remarkable?

I. A REMARKABLE PROPHECY WAS FULFILLED **Luke 23:32**

These were not just ordinary thieves.

Historians declare crucifixion was reserved for the most incorrigible criminals.

Isaiah 53:9

All three parts of this verse were fulfilled on the cross between these two criminals.

II. THE REMARKABLE PRAYER HE PRAYED. **Luke 23:40-42**

Here we find four prerequisites to having sins forgiven by Christ.

1. He recognized His guilt **before a holy God**.
2. He recognized that he deserved God's judgment.
3. He proclaimed the righteousness of Christ.
4. He exercised faith in Jesus.

How was he saved?—By FAITH alone, plus nothing, and minus nothing.

He just looked to the Crucified Savior and asked Him to let him into His kingdom.

III. THE REMARKABLE PROMISE OF JESUS. **Luke 23:43**

“I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

WHAT A PROMISE!

- “You’ve lived your whole life in sin—but today you’ll be with me in paradise!”
- “You’ve done wicked, vile, evil things—but today you’ll be with me in paradise!”
- “You’ve wasted a life, squandered it—but today you’ll be with me in paradise!”
- “You’ve embarrassed your parents, dishonored God, tarnished the family name, shamed to your village—but today you’ll join me in paradise!”

Wow!—What a God! What grace! What mercy! What love!

CONCLUSION:

A. Lessons for Christians.

1. Never give up on an unbeliever.
2. Seize every opportunity to share Jesus Christ.

B. Lessons for Unbelievers.

1. Any Unbeliever can be saved by Faith in Christ.
2. Don't wait one more moment to believe.