

# He Gets Us

WEEK 4 | CHOOSE FORGIVENESS | LUKE 23:26-43

## INSPECTION: WHAT DOES IT SAY?

- What role did Simon of Cyrene play in the crucifixion of Jesus?
- What concern did Jesus have for the women who mourned for Him?
- What future events does Jesus reference in verse 30?
- What two names did the rulers use as they sneered at Jesus?
- What was the insult that the one criminal hurled at Jesus?

## OBSERVATION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- What is meant by the expression “the tree is green” and a tree that is “dry” in verse 31?
- Read verse 40. What role does the fear of God play in the salvation process?
- What do all unforgiven sinners “deserve” according to verse 41?
- What lesson on “good deeds” and merit salvation do we learn from this text?
- Where is paradise? Who is in paradise now? Is paradise eternal?

## LIFE APPLICATION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

- Read Psalm 22. How many prophetic references can you find in the chapter?
- Consider how you balance “faith” and “works” in your life. Reference James 2:14-26
- Consider how Hebrews 6:4-8 fits the heart of the criminal in verse 39.
- Consider who needs your forgiveness and speak forgiveness into their lives.
- Make a prayer list of world calamities and pray for God’s healing grace to change hearts.

## MEDITATION: WHAT DOES GOD SAY?

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| 1 Corinthians 1:18 | Galatians 6:14     | Philippians 2:8 | 1 Peter 2:24 |
| Colossians 2:14    | 2 Corinthians 13:4 | Colossians 1:20 | 1 John 4:9   |

## **SUPPLICATION: WHAT CAN WE MEDITATE?**

### **Beneath The Cross of Jesus**

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Oh, safe and happy shelter! Oh, refuge tried and sweet!  
Oh, trysting place where heaven's love and heaven's justice meet.  
As to the holy patriarch that wondrous dream was given,  
So is my Savior by the cross a ladder up to heaven.

There lies beneath its shadow, but on the farther side,  
The darkness of an awful grave that gapes both deep and wide;  
And there between us stands the cross, two arms outstretched to save,  
Like a watchman set to guard the way from that eternal grave.

Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One, who suffered there for me;  
And from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess:  
The wonders of His glorious love, and my own worthlessness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;  
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

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