



## Questions for further study - March 19<sup>th</sup> '17

***'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.'***

Luke 23:43

Read Luke 23:33-43.

1. In Mark 2:17, near the start of his ministry, Jesus made this statement of intent: 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but those who are ill. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.' List some examples from the gospels of Jesus achieving this goal. What is your response to this mission also being part of Jesus' dying hours, as well as the fact that His death would accomplish salvation for all who turn to Him? See Romans 5:6-8.

In the sermon, we unpacked some of the things we can learn about salvation from this conversation between Jesus & the dying thief:

- i) Those who are saved are those who turn to Jesus for forgiveness (see Acts 2:38, Ephesians 1:7, John 1:12.)
- ii) Salvation is open to anyone (see John 3:16. John 6:37)
- iii) Salvation is by God's grace alone (see Ephesians 2:8-10. Although our "good works" don't save us, what part do they play in the Christian life?)

Why is it so important to hold firmly to what God's Word teaches on this important subject of salvation? What attitudes and actions should this belief produce in our lives?

2. What questions do you have, or have been asked, about heaven?

Identify which of these questions are not answered in the Bible. Why do you think God has left some things a mystery?

Heaven is referred to a huge amount in the New Testament. What can we learn from the following passages about heaven and how this affects our lives now?

Acts 7:48-49; Matthew 5:34-35; Hebrews 9:24; Hebrews 6:19-20; John 14:1-4; 1 Corinthians 2:9; 2 Corinthians 5:1-4; 2 Corinthians 4:17-18; Philippians 3:13-14; Revelation 4:1-11.

The "Speak up" guide referred to in the sermon can be found by going to:-

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