**Famous Last Words-part 4**

**“YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE”**

Luke 23:32-43

There were three crosses. Jesus was crucified between two thieves. One scoffed at Him. The other believed in Him. Which one are you?

 Both wanted to be saved; one from his circumstances, the other from his sins.

**MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION**: What does it take to get us to heaven?

 Is your “goodness” good enough? Isaiah 64:6, Romans 3:10-12; 23; James 2:10.

 God’s solution: John 3:16

WHICH CATEGORY ARE YOU IN?

* Saved but unsure
* Sure but actually unsaved
* Unsure and unsaved
* Saved and sure

John 14:6; Ephesians 2:8

**THE FORGIVEN ONE**

1. **SEE YOUR NEED.**

*We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.* Luke 23:41

*For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God's laws.* NLT James 2:10

1. **PUT YOUR FAITH IN JESUS.**

*Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."* Luke 23:42-43

Romans 6:23

1. **EXPERIENCE HIS GRACE**

Jesus’ sacrifice for your sins was accepted – Hebrews 9:11-12

Paradise - Revelation 2:7

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.* 1 Peter 1:3

**THINK IT OVER**

       Are you certain about where you stand with God?

       How have you relied on your own goodness to get right with God?

       Unlike the thieves, you still have time left to live. If Jesus really is the Son of God who died to offer you complete forgiveness, how does your life need to change?

God drew you here today to set your life on a new path. Talk about your experience with someone this week to help you process what you heard.