

The Final Words of Jesus:
“Today, you will be with me in paradise.”
March 15, 2026

Who are the thieves on the cross?

1. Rebellious.

*16 At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas.
17 So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, “Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” (Matthew 27:16-17)*

2. Ancient Pirates.

3. Known Murderers.

4. Condemned Thieves.

39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” 40 But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” 42 Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” 43 Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.” (Luke 23:39-43)

Who is Jesus on the cross?

1. Jesus responds with grace.

2. Jesus responds with divine power.

3. Jesus responds with truth.

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

Reflections:

1. How can you relate to the thieves on the cross? Explain why?
2. How does Jesus' response to the thieves reveal His character to you?
3. How can you practically invite others to experience the paradise Jesus promises on the cross?

Welcome to HOME Church

Thank you for attending HOME Church. If you are looking for a church to call HOME, feel free to connect with us. Details are on our website at www.ourhomechurch.ca. OR the welcome card in the seat in front of you.

Upcoming News + Notes:

- **Want to take your journey with Jesus to the next step?** We have a water baptism class TODAY, March 15th, between services in the church basement. Talk to one of the pastors for details.
- **Summer Getaway at Summit Pacific College** (formerly Summer Camp) on July 3-5, 2026. Save the dates! Details on the church website.
- **Easter at HOME Church**
 - Good Friday Services (April 3). Cantonese at 9:30 am. English at 11:00 am. All are welcome.
 - Easter Services (April 5). Regular times. Water baptism is available. Talk to one of the pastors for details.
- **Cantonese Evergreen Gathering** on March 26. Please sign up today or connect with Pastor Paul.
- **Bible Tour: Footsteps of the Ancient Followers of Jesus in Italy.** October 6-16, 2026, with Pastor Andy + Annick. Details on the church website and app.
- **Pastor Andy** is away from March 16-22. Pastor Paul is available. Pastor Vincent is back on March 18th.

Giving Options at HOME Church. Our preferred way of giving is through e-transfer debit. You can set this up with your banking platform by giving at give@ourhomechurch.ca. Please make cheques out to "HOME Church". All details are on our website. **Thank you** for your continued generosity and support of HOME Church's mission and vision.

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Thank you for your support during the church renovations.