

The Crucifixion

“Jesus answered him, ‘I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.’” Luke 23:43

If Pilate thought that Jesus was innocent, why did he give orders for Jesus to be crucified?

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Crucifixion is a very cruel form of death. What other unkind things did Jesus have to endure before he was crucified?

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Read Luke 22:33,34. What did Peter say to Jesus?

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What did Jesus reply to Peter?

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Read Luke 22:54-61. What was Peter’s reaction when he was accused of being a friend of Jesus?

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How did Peter feel when he realized what he had done?

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The two thieves who were crucified with Jesus felt differently about their situation. What did the first thief say to Jesus?

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What did the second thief say?

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The text for this lesson is what Jesus replied to one of the thieves, *“I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise”* The lesson explains how this is better understood if the comma is placed after ‘today’ *“I tell you the truth today, you will be with me in paradise”*

Explain what you understand by the difference in the two sentences.

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