

“DEAD MEN WALKING”

Luke 23:39-43

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The phrase “dead man walking” refers to those individuals who have been sentenced to death for crimes committed. Although still alive physically, the sentence of death has the individual in a state of anticipation of physical death. This level of sentence is reserved for the most horrible of crimes in our current society. Although many individuals are sentenced to this level of consequence, it is seldom applied.

We understand from the Scriptures that we will all die physically at some point. We are individuals living in the physical realm, but we also have a spirit. This spirit is eternal. We learn from Scripture that our spirit will spend eternity somewhere. We also learn from Scripture that, in our natural state, we are “spiritually dead” without Christ. We are, in essence, “dead men walking” and “thieves” -- awaiting consequences of this reality.

But there is hope! It is found in Christ!

THE THIEVES

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WHO WERE THESE TWO MEN?

- Described in **Scripture** (*Isaiah 53:9, 12*)
- Bad company corrupts good **morals** (*1 Cor. 15:33*)
- Deserving of the **consequence** (v. 41)
- Deep down “bad-to-the-bone” **wicked** men

THE THIEF

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- **Guilty**
- **Blasphemer**
- Had **nothing** to offer
- Recipient of **grace** and **mercy**
- Man of **faith**
- Was given a **promise**

Apart from salvation, we are all “dead men walking” and thieves!

WE ARE THIEVES

- Cancer is always **cancer**!
- We are all **guilty**!
- We all need the **Christ** of the Cross!

Will you believe?

Have you believed?

**THOSE WHO HAVE BELIEVED HAVE RECEIVED
THE PROMISE OF SALVATION AND NEW TITLES**

- **Adopted** children
- **Heirs**
- **Overcomers**
- **Ambassadors**
- The **Bride** of Christ
- **STARS!**

*Just to name a few

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What decision have I made about Christ?
2. If you have placed your faith in Christ, does your life represent that decision?
3. Am I living in light of my new "title?" (From thief to ...)
4. Who do I need to share this message with?