

## SERMON NOTES

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**Date:** March 14, 2021

**Series:** Cries from the Cross

**Title:** The Cry of Promise

**Text:** Luke 23:43

**Big Idea:** The promise of paradise is God's gift to all sinners who repent and believe in Christ.

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# APPLICATION GUIDE

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## DISCUSS

Compare and contrast the attitude each criminal had toward Jesus?

How is God's character shown in the way Jesus responded to the repentant criminal (cf. Isaiah 55:6-9)?

What prevents some people from turning to Jesus in faith though they stand on death's door (cf. Romans 2:5)? What enables others (cf. John 6:37)?

## APPLY THE TRUTH

The first criminal was very selfish and demanding of Christ. In what ways might you place sinful expectations or demands on Jesus today?

What can you learn from the repentant criminal's attitudes and words in the way you approach Jesus?

How does Christ's promise of paradise encourage you as you think about your sin, suffering, and death (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:6-10)?

## COMMIT THIS WEEK

Christ's cry of promise shows us that saving grace can be received even at the last hour. Who will you pray for this week and possibly even talk to about repenting from sin receiving Christ as Savior and Lord?