

# Liberation

26 And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus.

Luke 23:26–43

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27 And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him.

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28 But turning to them Jesus said,  
“Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep  
for me, but weep for yourselves and  
for your children.

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29 For behold, the days are coming  
when they will say, 'Blessed are the  
barren and the wombs that never bore  
and the breasts that never nursed!'

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30 Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.'

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31 For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

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32 Two others, who were criminals,  
were led away to be put to death with  
him.

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33 And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

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34 And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.

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35 And the people stood by, watching,  
but the rulers scoffed at him, saying,  
“He saved others; let him save  
himself, if he is the Christ of God, his  
Chosen One!”

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36 The soldiers also mocked him,  
coming up and offering him sour wine

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37 and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

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38 There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

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39 One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

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40 But the other rebuked him, saying,  
“Do you not fear God, since you are  
under the same sentence of  
condemnation?

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41 And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.”

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42 And he said, “Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.” 43  
And he said to him, “Truly, I say to  
you, today you will be with me in  
paradise.”

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43 And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

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1 Let me be clear, the Anointed One has set us free—not partially, but completely and wonderfully free! We must always cherish this truth and stubbornly refuse to go back into the bondage of our past.

Galatians 5:1

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1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1

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Big Idea: Jesus' death and resurrection  
represent the ultimate liberation for you.

Here's how Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection can totally liberate you:

1. The cross will liberate you from sin.
2. The cross will liberate you from death.
3. The cross will liberate you from bondage.
4. The cross will liberate you to new life.

The cross liberates you from sin.



38 Let it be known to you therefore,  
brothers, that through this man  
forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you,  
39 and by him everyone who believes is  
freed from everything from which you  
could not be freed by the law of Moses.

Acts 13:38–39

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24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:24

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The Cross liberates you from death.

Is there a heaven or hell?

"The idea of death, the fear of it, haunts the human animal like nothing else; it is a mainspring of human activity—activity designed largely to avoid the fatality of death, to overcome it by denying in some way that it is the final destiny for man." —

Ernest Becker, *"The Denial of Death"*

25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

John 11:25–26

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14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

1 Thessalonians 4:14

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The Cross liberates from Bondage.



15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Romans 8:15–16

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The Cross liberates you to new life.

Alistair Begg video

Practical Takeaway:

Jesus alone can truly set me free. I rest  
in his finished work.

