

For the week of September 4, 2016
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The Savior We Need

Final week in the series "Stories of Welcome in the Gospel of Luke."

Luke 23:32-43

Jesus hung between two criminals as he was crucified. Both of these men wanted Jesus to save them. One demanded salvation on his own terms. The other threw himself at the mercy of the Lord. Through Jesus' interaction with these two men in the last moments of their lives, we see that Jesus extends grace to all who believe that he is the Savior that we need.

Discussion Questions:

1. The crucifixion is a familiar story. Did focusing on Jesus' interaction with the criminals help you see it in a new light? If so, how?
2. Read v. 34. In what sense did Jesus' opponents not know what they were doing? How are we similar to or different than them?
3. What do you think of this statement, "Jesus is the Savior we need, but not always the Savior that we want"? Do you have expectations about what Jesus should do for you that he has not met? How might those expectations need to be changed?
4. Do you feel welcome at Jesus' table? Are you active in inviting others in as well?