

STUDY NOTES – March 31, 2019
Sermon Series: “Hope Rising”
Pastor Kris preaches from the *English Standard Version (ESV)*.
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Luke 23

1. Hope rises in the unlikeliest people. (Vs. 39, Matthew 27:44)

Luke 23:39 (ESV) — 39 One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

Matthew 27:44 (ESV) — 44 And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

- Life lesson: Never think *you’re not good enough to be used by God.*

2. Hope rises when by accepting personal responsibility. (V. 41)

Luke 23:41 (ESV) — 41 And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.”

What accepting personal responsibility looks like:

1. Accepting that I am solely responsible for my bad choices.
2. Accepting that I alone am responsible *for my attitude.*
3. Accepting that Satan did not cause me to sin.
4. Accepting that my difficult life is *not to blame for my sin.*
5. Accepting that past pain or abuse did not cause my bad choices.
6. Accepting that through the power of Christ *I can change for the better.*

3. Hope rises through faith in Christ alone. (Vs. 41b-43)

Luke 23:41–43 (ESV) — 41 And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” 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.”

- Life application: The entire Christian life *can only be lived through Christ.*

S.A.L.T. Group questions

- Have someone read Sunday's passage: Luke 23:39-43
 - What truths stand out to you?

- 1. Why are we so often tempted to believe we're not good enough to be used by God?
 - Where does our goodness come from?
 - How does goodness from Christ result in confidence?
- 2. Why is it difficult for humans to accept personal responsibility?
 - What benefits result in accepting responsibility?
 - Describe a time you accepted responsibility.
 - What were the results?
- 3. How does a believer successfully live their life through Christ alone?
 - What happens when we stray from abiding in Christ?
 - How can we know if we're abiding in Christ? (See John 15)

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Prayer for salvation

"Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be."

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