

The Thief on the Cross

Luke 23:39-43



Was the Thief Baptized?

- **Mark 1:4-5**-John the Baptist
- **John 4:1-3**-Jesus and Apostles
- **Luke 23:42**- “Lord, remember me”
- **We do not know for certain that the thief on the cross was *not* baptized, but this does not settle our question.**

Jesus Had Power On Earth To Forgive Sins At His Own Discretion!

- **Matthew 9:1-8** - **paralytic did nothing**-his friends brought him *but individual must come today!*
- **Luke 7:48-50** - **her faith** saved her *but can't wash Jesus' feet today!*
- **Matthew 19:16-22** - required to sell his possessions and give to the poor *but NOT required today!*

What Happened When Jesus Died on the Cross?

1. Law of Moses Was Taken Away

- Colossians 2:14
- Romans 10:4
- Hebrews 8:7-13

2. The Last Will and Testament of Jesus Went Into Effect

- Hebrews 9:15-17

The Commissioned Gospel

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them to observe** all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.”

Matthew 28:19-20

The Commissioned Gospel

“And He said to them, ‘**Go** into all the world **and preach** the gospel to every creature. **He who believes and is baptized will be saved**; but he who does not believe will be condemned.’”

Mark 16:15-16

The Commissioned Gospel

“Then He said to them, ‘Thus it is **written**, and thus it **was necessary** for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, **and that repentance and remission of sins** should be preached in His name to all nations, **beginning at Jerusalem.**’”

Luke 24:46-47

To Be Saved By Jesus Christ, He Requires:

- Belief in Him**
- Repentance of Sins**
- Baptism to remove sins**

What Does Baptism Do?

- **Saves Us - Mark 16:16, 1 Peter 3:21**
- **Remits Sins - Acts 2:38**
- **Washes Away Sins - Acts 22:16**
- **Enters Jesus' Death - Romans 6:3-4**
- **Puts On Christ - Galatians 3:27**
- **Into the Church - 1 Corinthians 12:13**

“And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him”

Hebrews 5:9

- **Jesus has not offered to save us the same way that He saved the thief on the cross.**
- **Don't let a thief on a cross rob you of your soul's salvation.**