

Why Christ Was Crucified With Others

- I. There are at least three reasons why Jesus Christ was crucified with two other men.
 1. Fulfillment of prophesy
 2. Symbolism
 3. A teaching opportunity

- II. Fulfillment of prophesy
 1. **Isa 53:9** - And he made his grave with the wicked,...
 2. **Isa 53:12** - ...he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.
 3. **Mar 15:28** - And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.
 4. **Luk 22:37** - For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end.

- III. Symbolism
 1. Being crucified with sinners was a picture of Jesus becoming a man and being made sin for us.
 - A. **Heb 2:16** - For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.
 - B. **Heb 2:17** - Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.
 - C. **2Co 5:21** - For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.
 2. Jesus suffering with sinners was a picture of Him being touched with the feelings of our infirmities.
 - A. **Heb 2:18** - For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.
 - B. **Heb 4:15** - For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.
 - C. **Heb 4:16** - Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

- IV. A teaching opportunity.
 1. From the account of Christ being crucified with others we learn:
 2. to not rail back at those that rail at us.
 - A. **Mar 15:32** - ...And they that were crucified with him reviled him.
 - B. **1Pe 2:23** - Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:
 3. that unregenerate men will not change under even the most severe punishment.
 - A. **Luk 23:39** - And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.
 - B. **Rev 16:9** - And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.
 4. that God can regenerate a person and give him a new heart at anytime in his life, even at the very end of it.

- A. **Mar 15:32** - ...And they that were crucified with him reviled him.
- B. **Luk 23:39** - And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.
- C. **Luk 23:40** - But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?
- D. **Luk 23:41** - And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.
- E. **Luk 23:42** - And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.
- F. **Luk 23:43** - And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.