

Overcoming Spiritual ADD

Luke 23:32-49

Introduction

Luke 23:32-43 (NIV)

32. Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed.

33. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. 34. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

35. The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.”

36. The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar
37. and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

38. There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

39. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

40. But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don't you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? 41. We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

42. Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. ”

43. Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”

I. Focus

John 10:10 (NIV)

10. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

6. And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (NIV)

4:3. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5. For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 6. For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

II. Follow

Luke 14:25-26 (NIV)

25. Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: 26. **“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple.**

III. Follow Through

2 Corinthians 11:3-4 (NIV)

3. But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. 4. For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough.

Revelation 2:1-4 (NIV)

2:1. **“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:**

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands: 2. I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. 3. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

4. Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love.