

The Power of Repentance Series

Part 1: Luke 23 The Thief on The Cross

Mark 1:14 Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God,

15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; REPENT and believe in the gospel."

Mathew 11:11 Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Matthew 3:1-2 1 Now in those days John the Baptist *came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, 2 "**REPENT**, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Luke 23:38-40 Now there was also an inscription above Him, "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

39 One of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!"

40 But the other responded, and rebuking him, said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our crimes; but this Man has done nothing wrong."

42 And he was saying, "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."

"WHEN" - there is time involved

"WILL BE" - future tense

Luke 22:15 And He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16 for I say to you, I shall not eat it again **UNTIL it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.**"

"UNTIL"- there is time involved

14 When the hour came, He reclined at the table, and the apostles with Him. 15 And He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16 for I say to you, I shall not eat it again **UNTIL it is fulfilled IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**" 17 And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He said, "Take this and share it among yourselves;

18 for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on **UNTIL THE KINGDOM OF GOD COMES.**"

"UNTIL"- there is time involved

Called **THE LIE** in John's gospel **8:44** the article is correctly supplied. Young's literal translation, is one of the few translations that correctly supplies the Greek article THE, before the word lie, or **THE FALSEHOOD** as in the YLT.

ACTS. 1:1 The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 **UNTIL** the day when He was taken up to heaven, **AFTER** He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen.

3 To these He also presented Himself alive **AFTER** His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them **over a PERIOD of forty days** and speaking of the things concerning **the kingdom of God**. 4 Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

6 So **WHEN** they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it **at this time You are restoring the kingdom** to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; 8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

9 And **AFTER** He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. 11 They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from **you into heaven, WILL COME** in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

Luke 23:46 And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." Having said this, He breathed His last.

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46 And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I ENTRUST MY SPIRIT." And having said this, **He died.**

Luke 23:43 And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

John 20:16 Jesus *said to her, "Mary!" She turned and *said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means, Teacher). 17 Jesus *said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, **for I have not yet ascended to the Father**; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'"

NET: Luke 23:42 And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me **when You come into Your kingdom!**"

NET Note: Transliterated: *basileian* **Root:** *βασιλεία* 1) royal power, kingship, dominion, rule 1a) not to be confused with an actual kingdom but rather the right or authority to rule over a kingdom

The alternate readings of some MSS make the reference to Jesus' coming clearer. "Into your kingdom"—with *εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν* (*eis tēn basileian*), read by P B L—is a reference to his entering into God's presence at the right hand. "In your kingdom"—with *ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ* (*en tē basileia*), read by κ A C* W Θ Ψ 070 f 33 M lat sy—looks at his return. It could be argued that the reading with *εἰς* is more in keeping with Luke's theology elsewhere, but the contrast with Jesus' reply, "Today," slightly favors the reading "in your kingdom." Codex Bezae (D), in place of this short interchange between the criminal and Jesus, reads "Then he turned to the Lord and said to him, 'Remember me in the day of your coming.' Then the Lord said in reply to [him], 'Take courage; today you will be with me in paradise.'" This reading emphasizes the future aspect of the coming of Christ; it has virtually no support in any other MSS.

43 And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today **you will** be with Me in **Paradise.**"

NET Note"

In the NT, paradise is mentioned three times. Here it refers to the abode of the righteous dead.

In [Rev 2:7](#) it refers to the restoration of Edenic paradise predicted in [Isa 51:3](#) and [Ezek 36:35](#). In [2 Cor 12:4](#) it probably refers to the "third heaven" ([2 Cor 12:2](#)) as the place where God dwells.

Transliterated: paradeisō **Root:** παράδεισος 1) among the Persians a grand enclosure or preserve, hunting ground, park, shady and well watered, in which wild animals, were kept for the hunt; it was enclosed by walls and furnished with towers for the hunters 2) a garden, pleasure ground 2a) grove, park 3) the part of Hades which was thought by the later Jews to be the abode of the souls of pious until the resurrection: but some understand this to be a heavenly paradise 4) the upper regions of the heavens. According to the early church Fathers, the paradise in which our first parents dwelt before the fall still exists, neither on the earth or in the heavens, but above and beyond the world 5) heaven

Notes included for additional information, we do not necessarily endorse all of what these notes imply. (The Grove Bible Fellowship).

Luke 23:43 And He said to him, "Truly I say to you,today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

Or alternatively listen to the difference if we place the comma and break in the correct place:

43 And He said to him, "Truly I say to you today,.....you shall be with Me in Paradise."

Modern punctuation was standardized and formally introduced into the Geneva Bible in 1560 and the KJV in 1611.

Luke 23:43 And He said to him, "Truly I say to you today,.....**you shall be with Me in Paradise.**"

John 3:13 No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: **the Son of Man.**

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