

Scripture

Luke 23:32-34a; 39-43 NCB

There were also two others, both criminals, who were led away to be executed with him.

When they came to the place called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there along with

the two criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.

Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

One of the criminals hanging there taunted Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

But the other rebuked him, "Have you no fear of God, since you are under the same sentence? In our case, we have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds.

But this man has committed no wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus said to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Thought for the day

Traditionally named 'Dismas', the 'good thief' was able to see the goodness in Jesus and, unlike all those around him, was able to speak the truth.

Be aware of those truths that you believe in, even though others may not agree: people who show love, those who build others up, people who are open to forgiveness. Where there is love and loving kindness, God dwells therein. Sometimes our experience of love goes against the grain of what Church or society might believe in.

