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Two Men On A Cross

Matthew 16:24-26, Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"

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Luke 23:32-33 & **39-43**, There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left...

Then one of the criminals hanging there began to yell insults at Him: "Aren't You the Messiah? Save Yourself and us!" But the other answered, rebuking him: "Don't you even fear God, since you are undergoing the same punishment? We are punished justly, because we're getting back what we deserve for the things we did, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom!" And He said to him, "I assure you: Today you will be with Me in paradise."

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Not two men on crosses...

Two men on A Cross!

One guilty criminal died alone

One guilty criminal chose to die With Jesus!

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Romans 6:8-9, "Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him, because we know that Christ, having been raised from the dead, will not die again. Death no longer rules over Him."

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The thief didn't have the option of surrendering **less** than everything.

- He confessed his guilt & just punishment
- He called Jesus Lord!
- He entrusted his life to Him, forever!

Jesus has surrendered **EVERYTHING** for us

He calls us to join Him...

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And surrender everything To Him! (We face **the illusion** of partial surrender)

Jesus changes the world, **one life at a time**

- He calls us to be **evidence of one life** whose world has been changed
- By **Complete Surrender** of everything
- Unlike that thief, we choose to do it **every** day

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Matthew 13:33, He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into 50 pounds of flour until it spread through all of it."

Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be My

witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Die today, and every day...

And live forever with Jesus!