

# THE Choice

## Divided

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Luke 23:32-43, p. 737

Every year, we celebrate Palm Sunday, the day Jesus fulfills prophecy and rides a donkey's colt into Jerusalem to boldly and publicly proclaim that He is the Messiah, the King of Israel. It's the culmination of Jesus' ministry and now it is time for all to make the choice.

### Why is it important for us to know that Jesus was crucified between two rebels?

1. To clarify the *inescapable choice* before each one of us (Luke 23:32-33)
2. To illustrate the *grace* of God for us (Luke 23:40-41)
3. To demonstrate how to *genuinely choose* Jesus (Luke 23:40-43)

**THE ONE THING:** *The choice...it's inescapable!*

## NEXT STEPS

- Memorize Luke 23:42-43.
- Read the final chapters of each of the gospels this week.
- Take part in the Good Friday Experience (participate/serve).
- Go public for Jesus—Believer's Baptism (April 28).

## NOTES FOR PERSONAL & SMALL GROUP STUDY

### KEEPING IT REAL

- 1 Can you share a time you had a hard or life-changing decision to make? How did you finally make the decision?

### LOOK AT THE BOOK

- 2 According to Matthew 25:31-46, what criteria does Jesus say He will use from His throne when it comes to determining whether one will be placed on the right or on the left?

- 3 Re read Matthew 25:31-46. What are the consequences of the choices people have made in their lifetimes? Why are the righteous surprised by Jesus' statements when they say, "When did we feed, give drink or clothe you?"

### TAKING IT FURTHER

- 4 For personal reflection (James 2:14-18): How do my life decisions testify to my decision to follow Jesus?

## WORSHIP LYRICS

If you'd like to spend more time with the lyrics from any of the songs this morning, please click on the song title below to continue worshipping.

[Hosanna \(Praise is Rising\)](#)

[Who You Are](#)

[Behold the Lamb](#)

[Sing to the King](#)

[All Hail King Jesus](#)

[The Lion and the Lamb](#)