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Readings - John ch 3 v 16
- Luke ch 23 v 32-33 and 39 - 49

NASA scientists are getting worked up about landing on Mars. They were declaring it was an important day for the world. There is something much more important: it is vitally important to understand our need of salvation and need of a Saviour. The Bible is the most valuable and the most read book in the world.

Men tell us the world evolved and we ascended from the animal kingdom. This is simply what men think and not what God states as recorded in the Bible. Creation and its importance is seen in Genesis chapter 1.

The Bible tells us of Gods love and mercy, of the Son of God, His coming into the world and His life while on the earth.

Nothing that defiles shall enter into heaven (Rev 21:27)

There is a dominance of sin in the world today, but God has provided an answer. God loves you and Christ died for you. God only had one Son. Salvation is found in Christ and Christ alone. The work God gave Him to do was completed at Calvary and there is nothing more for us to do, Job 41:8: "Lay thine hand upon him, remember the battle, do no more".

You simply have to acknowledge Christ died for you and as a guilty sinner you need to put your faith in Christ. Do you possess everlasting life?

The Bible contains a message from God.

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23); "He saved others" (Luke 23:35)

The word of God says we are all sinners - living in a Christian home or going to a church doesn't make you a Christian. You have to acknowledge that Christ died for you as an individual sinner. He will never let you down even if you let Him down.

There were also two criminals put to death at the same time as the Lord Jesus Christ.

Calvary is the most important place you will visit. This is holiday season and there may be many places that we would like to see but Calvary is unique because this is where burdens are lifted. What happened there was to shake the world to the very core.

"Crucify Him, Crucify Him we will not have this man to reign over us"

They gave Him a crown of thorns and pierced His hands and feet with long Roman nails onto a cross. They ripped the hair from His cheeks and they spat in His face.

This is said with grace but when you say no to Christ you are being like those who spat at Him saying not this man.

One criminal laughed at Him and rejected Him while the other went that day directly into the presence of the Lord.

Have you ever met the Saviour? Have you ever acknowledged that you need Him?

Many begin the day in time and end it in eternity – too late to make a choice. You can begin the day in sin - lost - and end the day in Christ – saved for ever.

When the criminal on the cross cried out to the Lord from that moment on he gained eternal life. The most important procession. In the last moments of his life by believing in the saviour he gained a present and personal procession for eternity.

This world is dominated by materialism. It is wrong to want more at the expense of your soul.

“He that believeth on the hath everlasting life” (John 3:36)