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In 1864 John Sedgwick stood to address troops in the trenches. He said, “**They couldn't hit an elephant from this distance**”. These became his last words as he was promptly shot dead through the head. They were very foolish words.

Acts 26:23-25: Festus. “much learning doth make thee mad”.

When confronted with the gospel, many would say your mad. People don't want to think about God and try to keep Him at a distance and out of their lives. We are “**fearfully and wonderfully made**” (Psa 139:14). “**The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God**” (Psa 14:1). “¹⁸ **For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God**” (1 Cor 1:18).

There is one true and living God. Important to respond to him tonight. “**In the beginning God**” (Gen 1:1).

Acts 24:24-25: Felix. “Go thy way for when I have a convenient season I will call for thee”

Paul shares his faith and talks of judgment. “**Appointed unto men once to die...**”.

The judgment will be down to one simple thing. What we have done with Christ. If we have not come to Christ we will be cast into hell.

“**All have sinned and come short of the glory of God**”(Rom 3:23) – We are imperfect. Each and everyone has done wrong. Sin will prevent us going to heaven. God cannot have sin in His presence.

God sent His Son to the world. The Lord Jesus went to the cross and gave His life that all could be saved by believing and trusting in Christ.

“**Our righteousnesses are as filthy rags**” (Isa 64:6). When we trust in Christ, His righteousness makes us fit for heaven.

If we die in our sins we are separated from God for all eternity.

Felix recognised what Paul said was true but yet he put it off. As far as we know, he never came to the point of thinking about it again.

Matthew 19:16: Young man. “What good thing shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?”

“**What must I do to be saved**”(Acts 16:30).

The Lord Jesus told him to follow Him, the man was not willing to give up and follow. His question was good but his action was foolish, he walked away sorrowful.

“**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved**”(Acts 16:31).

Acts 26:28: Agrippa. “Almost thou persuadest me to be a christian”

Almost doesn't count. So near yet so far.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life”(John 3:16).

Luke 23:41-43: Dying thief. “This man haths done nothing amiss..Lord remember me”

He realises he had done wrong. First step to salvation is to accept we have done wrong. He recognises the Lord Jesus for who He is, the Son of God. He sought forgiveness for what he had done.

Have you sought forgiveness and asked the Lord to come into your life?

The Lord Jesus responds to say “Today shalt thou be with me in paradise” (Luke 23:43).

Upon believing you get a home in heaven and that cannot be taken away. “He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins” (1 John 1:9)

“Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel” (Mark 16:16).

“I am the door...” (John 10:9): the only way to heaven.

“I am the way, the truth and the life no man cometh unto the Father but by me”(John 14:6).