

Redemption

O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins. Psalm 130:7,8

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:14,15

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. I Thessalonians 4:13,14

Redemption In the Place of No Hope *Luke 23:32-49*

- 32- Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed.
- 33- When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left.
- 34- Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.
- 35- The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One."
- 36- The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar
- 37- and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."
- 38- There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.
- 39- One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"
- 40- But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence?"
- 41- We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."
- 42- Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
- 43- Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."
- 44- It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour,
- 45- for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.
- 46- Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.
- 47- The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man."
- 48- When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away.
- 49- But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Additional Words of Hope From Jesus:

- John 6:30-So they asked him, "What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?"
- 31- Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"
- 32- Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.
- 33- For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."
- 34- "Sir," they said, "from now on give us this bread."
- 35- Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.
- John 8:12-When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life"
- John 10:7- Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep
- 8- All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.
- 9- I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. John 10:7- Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep
- 8- All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.
- 9- I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.
- 10- The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.
- John 10:11- "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
- 12- The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it.
- 13- The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.
- 14 - "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—
- 15- just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.
- 16- I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.
- 17- The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life— only to take it up again.
- 18- No-one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."
- John 11:25- Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;
- 26- and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"
- John 14:1- "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.
- 2- In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.
- 3- And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.
- 4- You know the way to the place where I am going."
- 5- Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"
- 6- Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.
- 7- If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."
- John 15:1- "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.
- 2- He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.
- 3- You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.
- 4- Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.
- 5- "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.
- 6- If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.
- 7- If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.
- 8- This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.