



### IN PARADISE WITH JESUS:

*One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, "So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you're at it!" But the other criminal protested, "Don't you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."*

Luke 23:39–43 (NLT)

### SCRIPTURE IN CONTEXT:

Earlier in the day, Jesus was beaten; dressed in a purple robe, a crown of thorns thrust on his head. He was paraded through Jerusalem to the place of execution. The soldiers nailed him to a cross between two insurrectionists.

*"...For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."*

Matthew 9:13b (NLT)

### JESUS AND THE TWO THIEVES:

*So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you're at it!* Luke 23:39b (NLT)

*Don't you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong.* Luke 23:40b–41 (NLT)

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.* Luke 23:42b (NLT)

*Today you will be with me in paradise.* Luke 23:43b (NLT)

### PARADISE? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

- "Paradise" is not a *place*. "Paradise" is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- "Paradise" is \_\_\_\_\_.

# DO YOU WANT TO EXPERIENCE THE “PARADISE” OF A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS?

## HOW TO ESTABLISH A SPIRITUAL B.A.S.E. FOR MY LIFE

**B**elieve Jesus died on the cross for me and showed me He was God by coming back to life. (1 Corinthians 15:2–4)

**A**ccept God’s free forgiveness for my sins. (Romans 3:22)

**S**witch to God’s plan for my life. (Mark 1:15; Romans 12:2)

**E**xpress my desire for Christ to be the director of my life. (Romans 10:9)

## IF YOU ARE WILLING TO TAKE THOSE FOUR STEPS, THEN PRAY:

“Dear God, I believe You sent Your Son, Jesus, to die for my sins so I can be forgiven.

I’m sorry for my sins and I want to live the rest of my life the way You want me to.

Come be my Savior and my Lord and give me Your Holy Spirit to help me.

Amen.”

## ANSWER KEY

- Paradise is not a *place*. Paradise is a RELATIONSHIP.
- Paradise is WHENEVER AND WHEREVER YOU ARE WITH JESUS.