

New City Catechism

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- How were the two men who died next to Jesus similar?
- How were they different?
- What do we know about the faith of the man who spoke up for Jesus?
- What caused Jesus to give him the promise of paradise?
- How does this story prove the truth found in today's Q&A?

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- What does it mean that by adding to the gospel, we take something away from it?

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- Review what it means to be “justified” from Q&A 32 (to be declared “righteous” of not guilty before God).
- The long (adult) answer to today's question adds to our answer for this week: “To seek salvation through good works is a denial that Christ is the only Redeemer and Savior.” Why would trusting in our good works be a denial that Christ is the only Redeemer and Savior?
- Why does this truth give us reasons to praise our Savior?

Spend time thanking God that everything needed for our salvation is accomplished through Christ's life, death and resurrection. Be thankful that our salvation is not dependent on our own efforts!

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