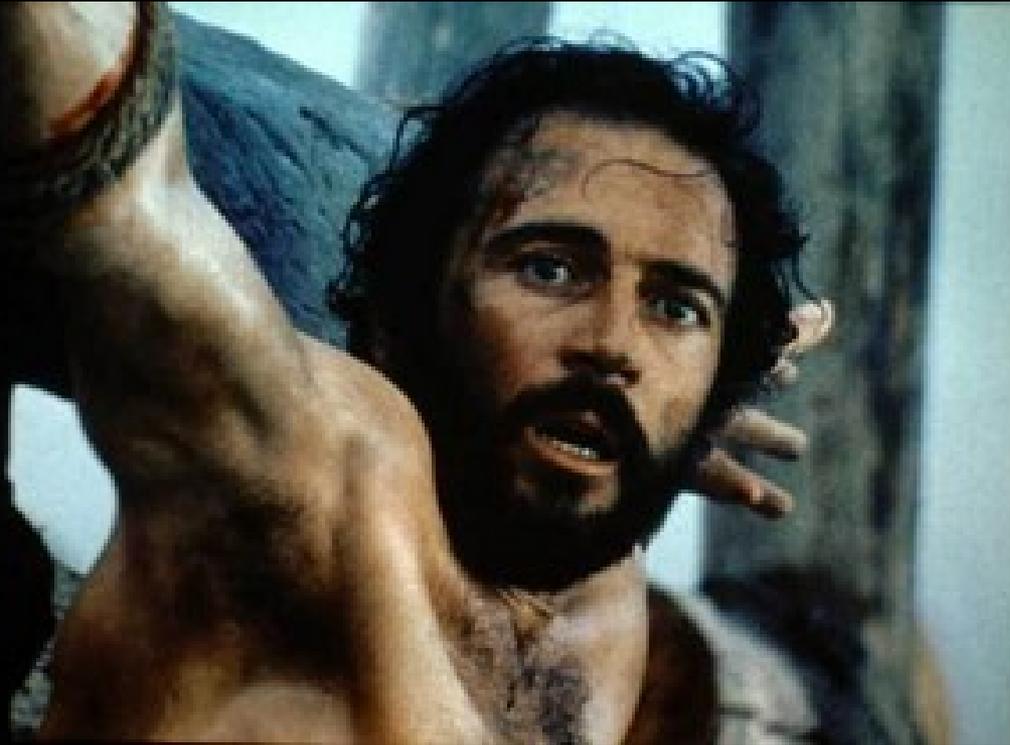


THE REALIZATION OF OUR HOPE



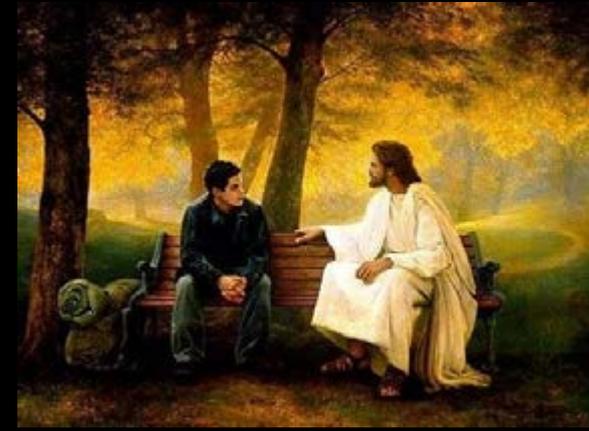
LUKE 23:40-43

I. When life is as bad as it can get, with Jesus there is hope (Luke 23:40-43).



- **What was the only hope for the thief on the cross?**
- **What is the greatest and the only hope for us? (I Peter 1:8-9)**

II. We have already been seated with Christ (Ephesians 2:6).



- **How can a realization of His presence affect our actions and attitude?**
- **What will help you to more fully realize that you have been seated with Christ?**

III. When persecuted for his faith, his hope was to be with Jesus (Phil. 1:13-14, 23).



- **Why is it always 'far better' to be with Christ?**
- **How can the hope of being with Jesus sustain you during persecution?**

IV. The eternal realization of our hope is to be with Jesus (I Thess. 4:16-18).



- **How do you picture the events of that last great day?**
- **Of all that will happen on that glorious day, what do you desire most?**
- **How is your hope in Christ motivating you to live for Him now?**

**V. Our glorious yet humble
Savior personalizes our
being with Him
(I Corinthians 15:28).**



- **What would fellowship with Christ be like if He wasn't humbled? (I Timothy 6:16)**
- **From I John 3:2-3, how should this hope affect our lives?**

**Call to Action: To long to be
with Jesus so much that we
live for Him here.**



- **When life is as bad as it can get, where is your hope?**
- **Do you really see yourself seated with Christ?**
- **How does the hope of being with Christ sustain you?**
- **How is your life declaring the return of Christ?**
- **How does the thought of really being with Jesus affect your life now?**

-How can we help?