



# Father, Forgive Them

Luke 23:32-34

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# Intro





## Luke 6:43-45

“A good tree doesn’t produce bad fruit; on the other hand, a bad tree doesn’t produce good fruit. <sup>44</sup> For each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs aren’t gathered from thornbushes, or grapes picked from a bramble bush. <sup>45</sup> A good man produces good out of the good storeroom of his heart. An evil man produces evil out of the evil storeroom, for his mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart.



## Lue 23:32-34

Two others – criminals - were also led away to be executed with Him. <sup>33</sup> When they arrived at the place called The Skull, they crucified Him there, along with the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided His clothes and cast lots.



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forgiving sinners at the cross.**



*He will see it out of His anguish, and He will be satisfied with His knowledge. My righteous Servant will justify many, and He will carry their iniquities.<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will give Him the many as a portion, and He will receive the mighty as spoil, because He submitted Himself to death, and was counted among the rebels; yet He bore the sin of many and interceded for the rebels.*

**Isaiah 53:11-12**



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*For there is one God and one mediator between God and man, a man, Christ Jesus.*

***1 Timothy 2:5***



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**Intercessor – mesos** – One who intervenes between two, either in order to make or restore peace and friendship, or to form a compact, or for ratifying a covenant



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*You have heard that it was said, love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.*

***Matthew 5:43-44***



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*None of the rulers of this age knew it (the wisdom of God), for if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.*

**1 Corinthians 2:8**



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*And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.*

***Ephesians 4:32***