

**“The Bad Boys of Easter”
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**The Relationship between
LIFE and GOD**

**Disappointment with LIFE
easily becomes
Disappointment with GOD**

This Man’s Character

Luke 23:37 (NIV)

^[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."

Luke 23:39-40 (NIV)

^[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?**"

**This man has not
drawn conclusions about God
based on the way
LIFE and OTHERS have treated him**

Luke 23:41-46 (NIV)

^[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.

**God
is not
yourLIFE**

**God
sent Jesus
to BRINGyou life**