

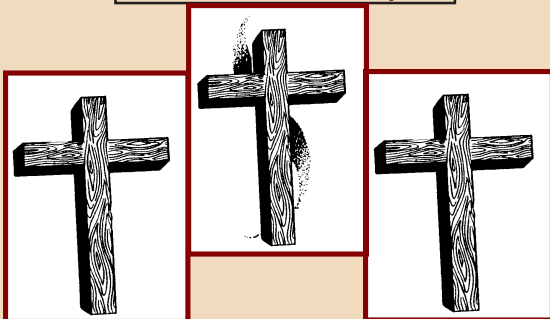
A Look at the Three Crosses



“Then were two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.” Matthew 27:38

IN THE CENTER

The Cross of Redemption



ON THE LEFT

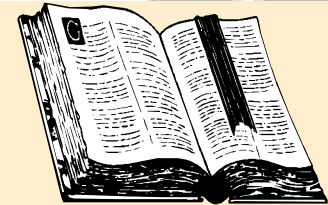
The Cross of Rejection

ON THE RIGHT

The Cross of Repentance

THE CROSS OF REJECTION

- Did not humble himself
- Scoffed at Jesus
- Thought selfishly



THE CROSS OF REPENTANCE AND RECEPTION

- Rebuked the other thief
- Defended the innocence of Jesus
- Asked for Jesus to remember him
- The evidence of genuine repentance:
 - Expresses his reverence in the presence of Deity – “Do you not fear God?”
 - Readily admitted his own guilt – “We are due the rewards of our deeds.”
 - Recognized that Jesus was suffering wrongly – “This man has done nothing wrong.”
 - Confessed Jesus openly - Called Him “Lord.”
 - Showed humility in his request – “Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.”

THE TWO THIEVES CONTRASTED

- The 1st saw Jesus as a man – The 2nd saw Him as Lord
- The 1st saw Jesus as a mock king – The 2nd saw Him as the “King of Kings” with a coming kingdom
- The 1st saw Jesus as a sinner – The 2nd saw Him as a true Savior

Which cross is yours, the cross of REPENTANCE or the cross of REJECTION?