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One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”

(Luke 23:39-43)





Introduction

I can't begin to tell you what it's like up here. I've heard it said that there is only a small distance between agony and ecstasy, but I can tell you from experience that there's an unfathomable gulf. I endured the agony of crucifixion, but the ordeal passed and now I am savoring the perfect joys of heaven.

How I got here is still amazing to me, but I'm telling my story so that you can share the joys I've found. Looking back on what happened that day, I now see so much more than I was able to





HEAVEN, HOW I GOT HERE

grasp at the time, and the more I discover, the more staggering and wonderful the whole story becomes.

