



LUKE

23:32 - 43

THE RESURRECTION IS THE FOUNDATION OF...

The Faith:

1. Atonement / Forgiveness
2. Revelation / Truth
3. Our Resurrection

Our Assurance:

1. Hope
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Confidence
5. Courage

THE EVIDENCE FOR THE RESURRECTION IS STRONG.

MARTYRDOM AND BELIEF



**But many still struggle to believe in the resurrection
in a way that gives confidence and assurance.**

WHY?



IT COMES DOWN TO
CHARACTER

it depends on **who**
is giving the testimony

WHAT DO THE INCONSISTENCIES IN THE GOSPELS TELL US ABOUT THE WITNESSES?

Do they cause
you to feel
dismissive,
fearful,
curious?

EXAMPLE: 2 "THIEVES"

Mark 15:27,32

2 thieves, both insulted him

Matthew 27:38,44

2 thieves, both cast insults on him

Luke 23:39-43

one insults him, the other asks for salvation

Objections: Thieves weren't ever crucified by Romans, and this is inconsistent!

Except that thieves WERE crucified by Romans:

Historical Fallacy: Overgeneralization

for sources see:

*Crucifixion in the
Mediterranean World* (2014)
Religion and Violence
(encyclopedia 2015)

Bacchides

Lex Puteolana

Digesta seu Pandectae

Lex Fabia

THE THIEVES WEREN'T THIEVES

Modern translations: "Robbers"

GREEK HAS THREE WORDS FOR "THIEF"

kleptes—common word for stealing

arpage—seizure of possessions (often through technically legal means) Matt 23:25, Luke 11:39

lestes—"plunder or piracy" robbery through force and violence "brigand, pirate, bandit, highwayman" etc.

WANNA GUESS WHICH WORD THE GOSPEL WRITERS USED?

'lestes' occurrences:

Hos 7:1; Obad 1:5; Jer 7:11; 18:22; Ezek 22:9;

Matt 21:13; **26:55**; **27:38, 44**;

Mark 11:17; 14:48; **15:27**;

Luke 10:30, 36; 19:46; 22:52;

John 10:1, 8; **18:40**;

2 Cor 11:26

Luke calls them
"criminals" and John
doesn't label them.

BUT HOW MANY HATERS? 1 OR 2?

2 CONSIDERATIONS:

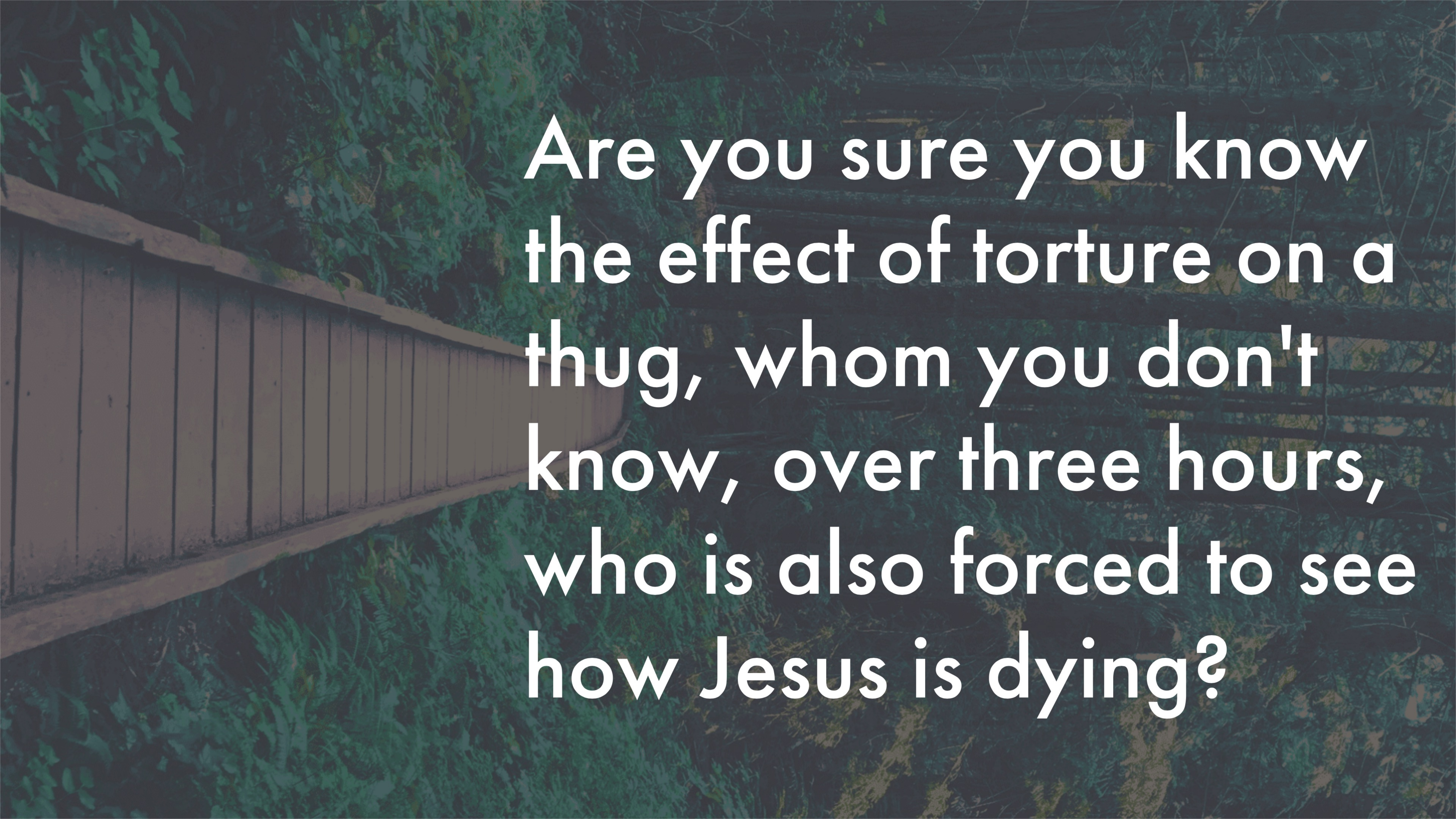
1. Time

2. Human Inconsistency

TIME TABLE: "3RD HOUR" TO "6TH HOUR"

Luke 23:42-44

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." **It was now about the sixth hour...**"

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Are you sure you know
the effect of torture on a
thug, whom you don't
know, over three hours,
who is also forced to see
how Jesus is dying?

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Because your good, godly and heroic spiritual parents shouldn't be slandered. We should revere them.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Because when we think the Bible is contradictory, we miss the contradictions in ourselves.



WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Because living in
faith means a
thousand deaths
and resurrections.
And you need
assurance.

