

The image depicts three wooden crosses standing on a rocky, uneven hill. The central cross is the tallest and most prominent, flanked by two shorter crosses. The sky is filled with dramatic, colorful clouds in shades of purple, pink, and blue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The ground is covered with rocks and sparse, dry vegetation. The overall mood is solemn and contemplative.

# The Three Crosses Of Calvary

Luke 23:32-43



# The Ultimate Choice



- It was not a solitary crucifixion on Calvary.
- The crosses on each side of Jesus represent the ultimate choice that we must make.
- We live in a world where pain and suffering are a regular occurrence.
- The Bible tells us that human beings are sinful creatures.
- The result of sin in our lives is that we become objects of the wrath of God.

# The Two Criminals

The background of the slide is a dark, atmospheric photograph of three crosses standing on a hill. The central cross is the largest and most prominent, flanked by two smaller crosses. The scene is dimly lit, with a soft glow around the crosses, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall tone is somber and reflective.

- On one side of Jesus stood the cross of rebellion while on the other was the cross of repentance.
- While the first criminal died in his sin, the second criminal died to his sin.
- The criminal on the cross of repentance reminds us that it is not who we are or what we have been like that gets us into heaven.
- Trust in Jesus and you get to go to heaven; reject or ignore Him, and the wrath of God remains on you.



# Cross in the Middle



- While the one cross is the cross of rebellion and the other the cross of repentance, the cross of Jesus is the cross of redemption.
- Only Jesus was able to die for sin.
- Jesus willingly submitted to death in order to accept the penalty for our sin.
- Jesus, as the Son of God with all the power in the universe at His disposal, gave His life; it was not taken from Him.

# Conclusion

- Because of that cross, the one in the middle over 2000 years ago, we all are faced with the same choice those two criminals had.
- The Bible clearly states that those who do not have a saving relationship with Jesus will suffer the consequences of rejection for eternity.
- Because of Jesus' love for us we have a choice.
- The choice given to us is not something that we deserve, but something offered freely by the love of God for those who repent, confess and obey Jesus.