

The background of the slide features three black silhouettes of crosses on a grassy hill. The sky is a mix of dark green and blue, with a bright sun or moon low on the horizon, creating a lens flare effect with thin white lines radiating across the scene. The overall mood is somber and reflective.

# A “Worthless” Thief

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Matthew 27; Luke 23

# We Have Mixed Up The Price Tags

- People broke into a store and mixed up the price tags!
- It is hard to believe this could have happened, but it still does!
  - Our society has a distorted value system...and few notice!
  - The cheapest things are treated as our greatest possessions
  - That which has true and lasting value is rejected as worthless.
- We do so because we do not know who we are, where we are going, or what is required to get there – Jdg. 17:6; Psa. 14:1; Rom. 1:21-25, 28-32
- Satan's success has affected me...and maybe you.



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- He was crucified because he deserved it – Mt. 27:35-44
  - Legacy? He was a thief that took what belonged to others! – 27:38
  - He used his dying breath to revile and blaspheme the sinless Son of God! – 27:39-44
  - He was the ultimate, three strikes and you are out, loser!
- With Jesus things are different – Lk. 23:39-43
  - Jesus saw something else in this thief
  - Jesus granted him eternal life! – 23:43
  - Jesus saw the value of the man *as a man* – Mt. 16:26; Acts 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21; Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Tim. 1:15-16