

“The King of Ifs” (Luke 23:34-43)

Introduction: *The king with a cross for a throne...*

I. KING JESUS IS MOCKED BY ALL (vv. 35-39)

- A. The religious leaders: “**If** you are the Messiah...”
- B. The soldiers: “**If** you are a king...”
- C. A criminal: “**If** you can, save yourself & me...”

II. KING JESUS IS THE ‘KING OF IFS’

- A. He takes all the “**ifs**” out of our lives & makes them sure
- B. He did this for the repentant criminal (vv. 42-43)
- C. He does NOT say “**if**” to this criminal, or to you
- D. He puts an end to all **ifs**
- E. He gives this criminal & to all who trust Him – *paradise* (v.43)

III. WHAT ARE THE **IFS** IN YOUR LIFE??

- A. We all have our “if-lists”...
- B. The **scoffing ifs** of the religious leaders did not stop Jesus
- C. The **mocking ifs** of the soldiers did not stop Jesus
- D. The **doubting ifs** of the unbelieving criminal did not stop Jesus
- E. The **if only** faith of the believing criminal didn’t stop Jesus

Conclusion: *The word **IF** is not in Jesus’ vocabulary!”*