

who was just trophy of Cross = disciples, scholars, - no, Thief -  
Perfect picture of end of sin

I - A Sinner's Plea = only one crushed by Cross was Thief - the disciples' hope were crumbling - he is only disciple of Jesus now. (1) Sees what no one else saw - "Lord - Thy Kingdom." (2) Hanging there had complete change - at first both taunted X. 3 = only one who gives up all claims that he is Right - only right is the right to die. (4) Greatest record of faith = asked a dying man for salvation. (1) none of our advantages (2) only thing that keeps from sal - not gross sin but self-complacency = pharisees at cross. (5) "Remember me -" Builds his hope of sharing X's crown, in fact he shares X's cross! Can only a Thief see X's victory & share it? Yes = no difference between malice & murder, hatred & homicide, swag & highway robbery -  
I saw the Thief - Saw Jesus' Promise

II - Savior's Promise

Difference in Two Thieves = Jesus gave no answer to One = just would be continued sinful life

- 1 - Clear vision of future
- 2 - authority to determine future
- 3 - unbroken continuance of personal existence -
- 4 - Conscious state -
- 5 - assures that companionship begun on Cross will continue in Heaven -

Today = Instantly WITH me = Def. of Heaven

Today = D gives more than we expect = Thief probably meant at last day, raising dead - just - remember me - pitiful plea - a distant blessing -

Paradise = Garden of delight, pleasure -

Two Thieves = one said that none might despise, but only one, that none might presume -

Prayer in mountain = shocked into silence = Thief came out all night! "Which Thief?"