

Luke 23:13-25

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Electric lights are so common today that we never even give them a thought. If I were changing a light bulb and I dropped one and broke it, I would not worry about it. I would sweep up the broken glass and I would just go and get another one. But this has not always been true.

I heard a story about when Thomas Edison was working to invent this crazy contraption called a "light bulb." Once he designed the light bulb, it took a team of men working for twenty-four hours, 1 whole day, to put just one light bulb together. The story goes that when Edison's team was finished with the first light bulb, he gave it to a young boy to carry upstairs to the lab to be tested. Step by step he carefully carried it, afraid that he might drop this priceless piece of work. You can probably guess what happened; the poor boy dropped the bulb at the top of the stairs and it shattered. It took the team of men twenty-four more hours to make another bulb. Finally, tired and ready for a break, Edison was ready to have his bulb carried upstairs and tested. He gave it to the same young boy who dropped the first one. That is true forgiveness. Mr. Edison gave the boy another chance!

God offers that same kind of forgiveness. He offers people a second chance - and a third! Jesus died that our sins might be forgiven – when we believe in Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we are given a 2nd chance just like the boy carrying the light bulb. Jesus makes our faith strong by giving us God's Spirit, the Holy Spirit, so our faith will be strong and not break like a light bulb.

So, in today's study of God's Word evil men demanded Jesus be put to death. Even these men would be given a 2nd chance if they came before God and repented of the horrible sin of murdering Jesus. Our God is a God of 2nd chances.

However, our 2nd and 3rd and 4th chances end if we die without Jesus as our Lord and Savior. So, it is important that each person search for the truth because if they do, they will see the eternal light of Jesus shine into their souls and they will be saved.

Jesus is not only our 2nd and 3rd chance to become a child of God, but He is our only chance.

Dear Father, we thank you for sending us Jesus, your only Son. Help us to remember that he is our only chance to receive eternal life. Amen.