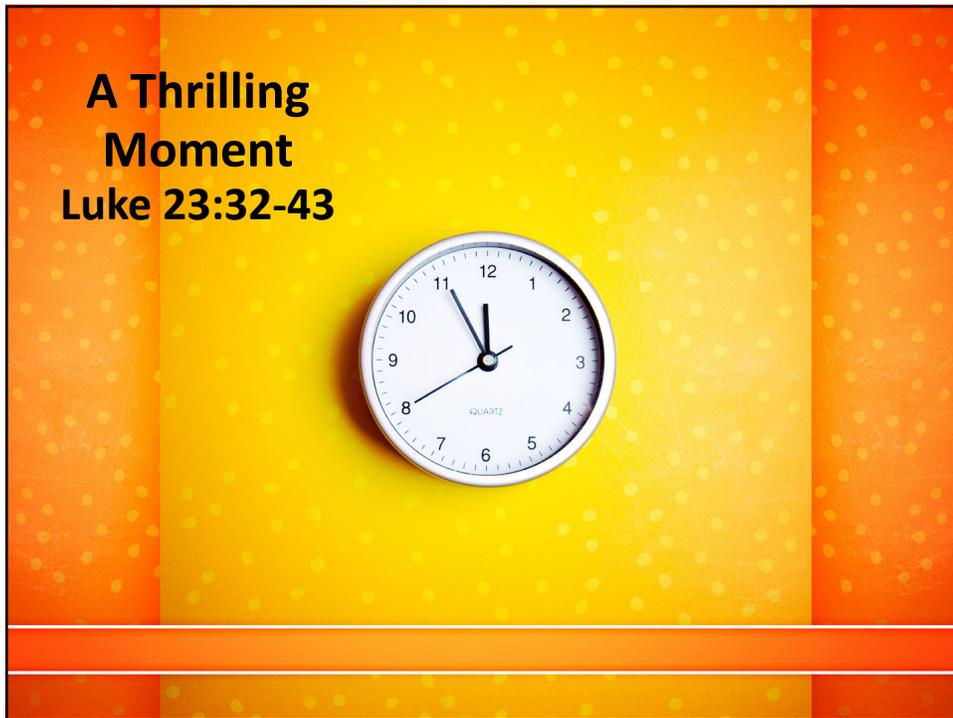




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Several years ago, the hottest film in theaters was a movie called "The Passion of the Christ", produced and directed by Mel Gibson.

I bring it up this evening for this reason: those who have seen it tell us that it is the most graphic, and realistic depiction of the death of Jesus ever caught on film.



*Introductory Thoughts*

3

Friends, the death of Jesus on that cross was a painful event!

Even as Jesus hung on the cross that day, He gave us a living illustration of what His death was all about.



*Introductory Thoughts*

4

**For that day, in the midst of His Own pain and agony, He reached out in love and compassion to save a lost sinner.**

**Let's take the time to examine each of them for a few minutes as we consider this thrilling moment.**



***Introductory Thoughts***

5

**It was a tragic moment.**

**It was a telling moment.**



***From A Sinner's Viewpoint  
Verse 39***

6

**It was a moment of repentance – Verses 40-41a.**

**It was a moment of recognition – Verses 41b-42a.**

**It was a moment of reliance – Verse 42.**



***From A Seeker's Viewpoint  
Verses 40-42***

7

**It was a moment of opportunity.**

**It was a moment of optimism.**

**It was a moment of omnipotence.**



***From The Savior's Viewpoint  
Verse 43***

8

**Three men died that day on a hill called Calvary.**

*One man died in his sins, because he rejected Jesus Christ.  
One man died to sin, he turned to Jesus by faith and was saved.  
The third Man, Jesus, died for sin.*

**There is help and hope in the Lord Jesus.**



***Closing Remarks***