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Jesus' Second Word From The Cross

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Luke 23:43

And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.” (ESV)

“Consider his plight. He is close to death, and suffers awful torment as he waits for someone to come and break his legs and dismember him – torture so bitter and terrifying as to make him lose both mind and memory. He sees our Lord Jesus Christ hanging there, like him, and suffering the greater disgrace. Yet what does he say? He not only acknowledges his faults humbly before God, not only assumes the role of teacher so as to bring his companion back to the right path, but makes a confession which, when we look at the facts closely, deserves to surpass all others.”

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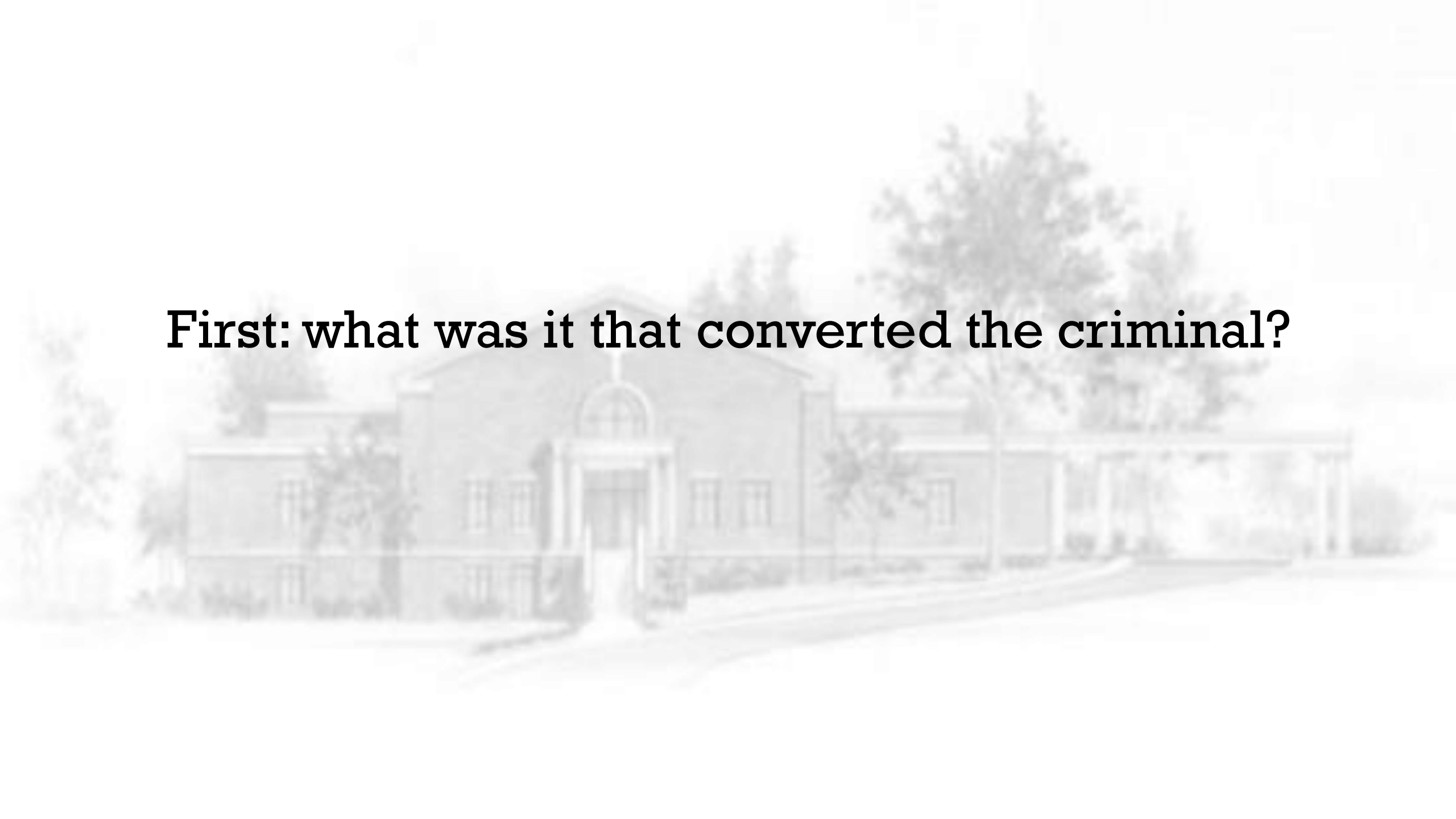
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Closing thoughts:

- 1. Don't under-estimate the power and attractiveness of a godly life.
- 2. Never despair for the conversion of anyone; neither for yourself or anyone else
- 3. Is anything too hard for the Lord?

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