

## Overview of the Paradise Chart

1. **The Thief on the Cross** – Luke 23:39-43
2. **Mary Magdalene** – John 20:15-18
3. **Doubting Thomas** – John 20:24-29
4. **Summary**: Jesus and the Thief on the cross went to Paradise. God does not dwell in Paradise. We know this because Jesus told Mary Magdalene not to cling to Him or touch Him because He had not been to the Father. He then tells her He will go to the Father. Jesus went to the Father in Heaven sometime within the next 8 days because he has Doubting Thomas to touch his wounds.
5. **The Resurrection**: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. The righteous, who have previously died and are in Paradise, will resurrect out of Paradise and Jesus will bring them with him to the clouds about the earth. Jesus will then “translate” the righteous humans alive on earth at the time of His Second Coming, and those human souls will join Jesus and those that were in Paradise in the clouds.

## The Paradise Chart Scriptures

1. **Sheol** (Old Testament thinking) – the grave – Psalm 16:10 – quoted by Peter in Acts 2:27
2. **Hades**: The dwelling place of the unrighteous after physical death but before judgment.
  - A. **Torments** – Luke 16:23 - Jesus taught correctly about Hades that it was not the grave and called Hades “Torments” in the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus.
  - B. **Tartarus** – **2 Peter 2:4, Jude 6** – Peter and Paul call Torments - “Tartarus”
  - C. **Hades, Torments, and Tartarus** are all names referring to the same place that the unrighteous dwell after physical death but before judgement.
3. **Gehenna (Hell)**: The eternal dwelling place for the unrighteous after judgement.
  - A. **Mt. 25:41, 46** – Originally and ideally Gehenna was only supposed to hold the devil and his angels. But due to man’s unrighteousness, human souls will also be cast here.
  - B. **Mark 9:43-48** – Eternal fire will never be extinguished.
4. **Luke 16:26** – An impassible chasm or gulf separates Hades from Paradise.
5. Paradise:
  - A. **2 Corinthians 12:4** – Paul had a vision and was “caught up” into Paradise.
  - B. **Revelation 2:7** – The Tree of Life is in Paradise.
6. Heaven:
  - A. **John 14:2,3** – Jesus ascended from earth and went to prepare Heaven which is prepared for righteous human souls.
  - B. **Matthew 25:34** – The eternal dwelling originally and ideally meant for human souls. But, due to man’s unrighteousness, not all souls will be allowed to dwell in Heaven.