

Burial of Jesus

Matthew 27:57-66; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42

“We are dealing with _____, the great historical facts of the gospel. What is the gospel? Paul defines it for us. “For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ _____ for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was _____, and that he _____ again the third day according to the scriptures.” (I Cor. 15:3-4) These are the central facts of the gospel.” J. Vernon McGee

I. Body Released

- **Time was Short**

“And now when the even was come, because it (“that day” Luke 23:54) was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, (“and the sabbath _____ on.” Luke 23:54)” Mark 15:42

“because it was the preparation” –

- **Joseph of Arimathaea**

“And, behold, there was a (“_____” Matthew 27:57) man named Joseph, a (“honorable” Mark 15:43) counsellor; and he was a good man, and a just (_____): (“who also himself” Matthew 27:57 “being a disciple of Jesus, but _____ for fear of the Jews,” John 19:38) (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) he was of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God.” Luke 23:50-51

- **Bold Request**

“This man went (“in _____” Mark 15:43) unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus (that he might take away the body of Jesus:” John 19:38)” Luke 23:52

- Pilate Marvels

“And Pilate marvelled if he were _____ dead: and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead. And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave (“commanded.” Matthew 27:58) the body to Joseph.” Mark 15:44-45

II. Body Prepared

“He (*Joseph*) came therefore, and took (“it _____” Luke 23:53) the body of Jesus. And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and _____ a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight. (“And he (*Joseph*) _____ fine linen,” Mark 15:46) Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in (“clean” Matthew 27:59) linen clothes with the spices, as the _____ of the Jews is to bury.” John 19:38-39

“Nicodemus” –

“manner of the Jews is to bury.” –

III. Body Buried

- New Sepulcher

“Now in the place where he was crucified there was a _____; and in the garden (“his (*Joseph*) own tomb” Matthew 27:60) a _____ sepulcher (“which he had hewn out in the rock:” Matthew 27:60), wherein was never man yet laid. There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulcher was nigh at hand. (“and he rolled a _____ stone to the door of the sepulcher, and departed.” Matthew 27:60)” John 19:41-42

- **Women Witness**

“And the women also (“Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses” Mark 15:47), which came with him from Galilee, _____ after, (“_____ over against the sepulcher,” Matthew 27:61) and _____ the sepulcher, and _____ (“_____” Mark 15:47) his body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.” Luke 23:55-56

IV. Body Secured

- **Problem to Pilate**

“Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, Saying, Sir, we _____ that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.” Matthew 27:62-63

- **Desire of Pilate**

“Command therefore that the sepulcher be made _____ until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last _____ shall be worse than the first.” Matthew 27:64

- **Compliance of Pilate**

“Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went, and made the sepulcher sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.” Matthew 27:65-66

Believer's Application:

1. How do you view Jesus, like Pilate or Joseph of Arimathaea?

2. A Test of Faithfulness – The Woman at the Tomb!