



come & see

JESUS' BURIAL:  
IN & OUT OF DARKNESS

John 19:38-42

"Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures..."

I CORINTHIANS 15:1-4

Jesus plunged into the darkness on our behalf,  
and it drives the faith of two men out of the shadows and  
into the light.

"After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So, he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight.

So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there."

JOHN 19:38-42

# WE WILL CONSIDER:

- The men at Jesus' burial
- The method of Jesus' burial
- The meaning in Jesus' burial

# THE MEN AT JESUS' BURIAL

Joseph...

- he was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews
- he was a wealthy man
- he was a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God
- he was a good and righteous man, who had not consented to their (the council's) decision and action



# THE MEN AT JESUS' BURIAL

Nicodemus...

- John 3...Nic said to Jesus: Rabbi, *we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.*

# THE MEN AT JESUS' BURIAL

Nicodemus...

- John 7...His defense of Jesus before the Sanhedrin Council that was looking for a way to have Jesus arrested: *Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?* Nic used the law and reason to buy Jesus time.

# The Fear Of & Praise From Men impacts our obedience

"Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God."

JOHN 12:42-43

Q) To what degree does the fear of and praise from others impact your courage to follow Jesus in the manner that He would desire?

Q) If we lived in another country, and you were arrested because someone accused you of being a Christian, would there be evidence to incriminate you? If so, what?

Q) Is it ever appropriate to have a secret faith?  
To be a “secret disciple” of Jesus? If so, when?

# When trouble finds you:

"But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."

I PETER 3:15

If we obey God, it is going to cost other people more than it costs us, and that is where the pain begins. If we are in love with our Lord, obedience is a delight—it costs us very little. But to those who do not love Him, our obedience does cost a great deal. If we obey God, it will mean that other people's comforts & plans are upset. They will ridicule us as if to say, 'You call this Christianity?'



We can disobey God if we choose, and it will bring immediate relief to the situation, but it will grieve our Lord. If, however, we obey God, He will care for those who have suffered the consequences of our obedience and use it for good in their lives. We must simply obey and leave all the consequences with Him.

Beware of the inclination to dictate to God what consequences you would allow as a condition of your obedience to Him.

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# THE METHOD OF JESUS' BURIAL...

It required a careful plan!



# Consider the Facts:

- Joseph moved so quickly to request Jesus' body after Jesus had died that, *"Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph."* (Mark 15)

# Consider the Facts:

- They came with the burial linens and 75 lbs. of expensive burial spices

# Consider the Facts:

- They brought Jesus to a newly hewn grave just a stone's throw from Golgotha—the place of the skull.

# THE MEANING IN JESUS' BURIAL...

## Jesus must be God

- Because it's fitting and good for the Messiah to be treated with dignity and honor
- He was verifiably dead--Jesus was truly human and truly God
- His coming resurrection must have been supernatural because no one was getting near that body once the grave was sealed and guarded