

10. Read *1 Kings 18:17-19:18*. How were Elijah and Joseph similar?

11. Why did Jesus have to be in the grave by Friday according to *Matthew 12:40*?

12. How does Jesus' burial fulfill *Isaiah 53:9*?

Quotes to Ponder

While Jesus' burial is often overlooked, it was as supernatural and divinely wrought as anything else that happened during His incarnation.... The moment Jesus yielded up His spirit and died, He entered alive into the presence of God in heaven, from which He controlled every detail of His own burial.

John MacArthur

The disciples who had openly followed Jesus during His lifetime ran away at the end, but the two who had kept their faith secret while He was alive ... came forward publicly to give Him an appropriate burial.

Robert L. Thomas and Stanley N. Gundry

Humiliation for Jesus does not stop at death. Crucified as a criminal for high treason, the Romans prefer to let His body rot on the cross as food for vultures or drop to the ground to be torn apart by scavenging dogs. If the family of the criminal had the courage to claim the body for burial, Roman authorities would usually grant the request just to rid themselves of the nuisance. There was one exception. In cases of death for high treason, only the prefect of the province could approve the petition. Unless Pilate granted permission to remove the body of Jesus, His humiliation would continue.

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#6 Jesus' Burial — Matthew 27:57-61

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Sermon
Notes

1. Background

2. The Burial

3. Significance and Meaning

1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Confused you?

2. Read the four accounts of Jesus' burial and list the similarities and differences.

Matthew 27:57-61 —

Mark 15:42-47 —

Luke 23:50-56 —

John 19:38-42 —

3. Why is the burial of Jesus stretched by the gospel writers and by Paul (*1 Corinthians 15:1-5*)?

4. What do the above passages tell you about Joseph of Arimathea?

5. What do the above passages (and *John 3:1-21*) tell you about Nicodemus?

6. Why didn't the Roman soldiers break Jesus' legs (*John 19:32-33, 36*)?

7. Why did Joseph keep his following of Jesus a secret according to *John 19:38*?

8. What did Joseph risk when he stepped forward to claim the body of Jesus?

9. To be a true follower of Jesus requires that we be identified with Him. Besides attending church, how do people see your commitment to Jesus?