

The Strange Funeral of Jesus



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He Deserved Much More



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➤ Jesus' funeral in John 19:38-42

John 19:31-33

³¹ Then the Jews, because it was the day of preparation, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away.

John 19:31-33

³² So the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first man and of the other who was crucified with Him;

³³ but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

John 19:38-42

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John 19:38-42

⁴¹ 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.

⁴² Therefore because of the Jewish day of preparation, since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

How They Got Here



Mark 15:47

⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the *mother* of Joses were looking on *to see* where He was laid.

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1) The path of Joseph

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Luke 23:50-53

⁵⁰ And a man named Joseph, who was a member of the Council, a good and righteous man

⁵¹ (he had not consented to their plan and action), *a man* from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who was waiting for the kingdom of God;

Luke 23:50-53

⁵² this man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

⁵³ And he took it down and wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid Him in a tomb cut into the rock, where no one had ever lain.

Matthew 27:59-60

⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,
⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb and went away.

How They Got Here



2) The path of Nicodemus

John 3:1-5

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews;

² this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You have come from God *as* a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

John 3:1-5

³ Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?”

John 3:1-5

⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

John 7:45-52

⁴⁵ The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, and they said to them, “Why did you not bring Him?”

⁴⁶ The officers answered, “Never has a man spoken the way this man speaks.”

John 7:45-52

⁴⁷ The Pharisees then answered them,
“You have not also been led astray,
have you?”

⁴⁸ No one of the rulers or Pharisees has
believed in Him, has he?

⁴⁹ But this crowd which does not know
the Law is accursed.”

John 7:45-52

⁵⁰ Nicodemus (he who came to Him before, being one of them) said to them,

⁵¹ “Our Law does not judge a man unless it first hears from him and knows what he is doing, does it?”

John 7:45-52

⁵² They answered him, “You are not also from Galilee, are you? Search, and see that no prophet arises out of Galilee.”

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What They Had in Common

- They both struggled with what they knew what right.

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What They Had in Common

- They finally found the courage to act.

Mark 15:43

⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea came, a prominent member of the Council, who himself was waiting for the kingdom of God; and he gathered up courage and went in before Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus.

A Common Dividing Line



➤ A big life factor: will we do what we know is right?

John 12:42-43

⁴² Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing *Him*, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue;
⁴³ for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.

James 4:17

¹⁷ Therefore, to one who knows *the* right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.

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➤ I know I need to



Romans 8:31

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us?

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➤ Let's find the courage to stand
with Christ!