

JUNE 23, 2024

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BURIAL

Pastor Roger Poupart // Mark 15:42-47



PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.



42 When evening had already come, because it was the preparation day, that is, the day before the Sabbath, 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. 44 Pilate wondered if He was dead by this time, and summoning the centurion, he questioned him as to whether He was already dead. 45 And ascertaining this from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. 46 Joseph bought a linen cloth, took Him down, wrapped Him in the linen cloth and laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. 47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses were looking on to see where He was laid.



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REFLECT/CONNECT

Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

- In what ways were you encouraged by last week's study?

- When you think of times of waiting or uncertainty in your life, what moments come to mind?

These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.

GROW IN THE WORD

- 01. When evening approached, Joseph of Arimathea went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' corpse. Pilate was surprised to hear that Jesus had already died, so he summoned the centurion to confirm whether it was true. When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he granted Joseph permission (v. 42-45).**
 - Why do you think Joseph of Arimathea, a member of the Council, chose to ask for Jesus' body so soon after his death? Consider the coming Sabbath day and see also Deuteronomy 21:22-23.

GROW IN THE WORD

- What do you learn about Joseph of Arimathea in these verses? Consider each detail Mark includes about him. See also Luke 23:51.

- How do Joseph's actions in this story reflect faith and courage? In what ways can his example inspire you in your faith journey?

02. • **Joseph bought a linen cloth, took down Jesus' body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid (v. 46-47).**

- Why is it important that Jesus was wrapped in cloth and buried in a tomb? What does it mean about his death? Consider explanations of the gospel in 1 Corinthians 15:3-5; Luke 24:46-47.

GROW IN THE WORD

- How does the presence of the women at Jesus' death and burial validate their later testimony about his resurrection? In other words, why does it matter that they witnessed Jesus' burial? See Mark 16:1,4-5.

- In what ways does the story of Jesus' death and burial increase your devotion to and worship of him?

UPCOMING EVENTS

WORSHIP NIGHT

Wednesday, July 3 | 7 pm | Worship Center

Join us as we pursue community, growth, and renewal. When we worship with hearts abandoned and eyes fixed on Him, our minds and emotions are aligned with the heart of God, and we experience renewal. All are invited to join us each month this summer!

WOMEN'S EQUIP NIGHTS

June 25 | 7 pm | Fellowship Hall

Ladies, join us for "Equip Nights: Cultural Conversations" to listen to a panel of Wayside men & women discuss how to prepare and respond to cultural concerns and to build bridges that promote peacemaking in different views. Learn more and register online or in app.