

A Secret Disciple Bravely Buries the Body of Jesus (Luke 23:50-56)

1. A _____ DISCIPLE COMES FORWARD

Luke 23:50-51 Now behold, *there was* a man named Joseph, a council member, a good and just man. ⁵¹ He had not consented to their decision and deed. *He was* from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who himself was also waiting for the kingdom of God.

- a. His gender/age (aner)**
- b. His name (Joseph)**
- c. His position (councilor)**
- d. His character (good & righteous)**
- e. His objection (not agreeing)**
- f. His origin (from Arimathea, 21 mi NW of Jerusalem)**
- g. His anticipation (the kingdom of God)**

Matt 27:57 Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus.

- h. He was rich (cf. Is 53:9)**
- i. He had become a disciple of Jesus**

Mark 15:43a Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God,

- j. He was a prominent council member**

John 19:38a After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews,

- k. He was a secret disciple of Jesus**
- l. He feared the Jews**

2. HE _____ JESUS' BODY

Luke 23:52 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

- a. He approached Pilate**
- b. He requested Jesus' body**

Mark 15:43b coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

- c. He took courage**

Lit. Having "dared" came to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

Pilate's Response:

Mark 15:44-45 Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵ So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. (cf. John 19:34 – pierced)

3. HE _____ JESUS' BODY

Luke 23:53a Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen,

- a. He took down Jesus' body**
- b. He wrapped up Jesus' body with [a] linen**

Matt 27:59 When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in **a clean linen cloth**,

Mark 15:46 Then he bought **fine linen**...

John 19:39-40 And **Nicodemus**, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰ Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in **strips of linen** with the **spices**, as the custom of the Jews is to bury.

- c. Wrapped in strips of linen**
- d. With spices (per the custom of the Jews) with Nicodemus**

4. HE _____ JESUS' BODY

- a. He placed Jesus' body in an unused hewn tomb**

Luke 23:53b and laid it in a tomb *that was hewn out of the rock*, where no one had ever lain before.

- In a hewn tomb
- Unused

Matt 27:60a and laid it in **his** new tomb **which he had hewn** out of the rock;

John 19:41 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.

- b. The required urgent timing (54)**

Luke 23:54 That day was the Preparation, and the Sabbath drew near.

- Being a day of preparation
- Beginning a sabbath

Mark 15:42b because it was the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath,

- c. Those who accompanied Jesus' body to the tomb (55)**

Luke 23:55 And the women who had come with Him from Galilee followed after, and they observed the tomb and how His body was laid.

- The women that followed him
- They beheld the tomb
- They saw how the body was placed

Matt 27:60b-61 and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed. ⁶¹ And **Mary Magdalene** was there, and the other **Mary**, sitting opposite the tomb.

Mark 15:46d-47 and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷ And **Mary Magdalene** and **Mary the mother of Joses** observed where He was laid.

5. ACTIVITIES _____ THE TOMB VISIT

Luke 23:56 Then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment.

- a. They return to Jerusalem (56)**

- They prepare items to finish burial
- They rested on the Sabbath

- b. The chief priests and Pharisees secure the tomb (Mt 27:62-66)**