

## **“THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CHRIST’S BURIAL”** **(John 19:38-42)**

### **I. THE PROLOGUE: INTRODUCING JESUS CHRIST (1:1-18)**

### **II. THE INTRODUCTION: WITNESSING ABOUT JESUS CHRIST (1:19-51)**

### **III. THE SIGNS SECTION: PROVING THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST (2:1-12:50)**

### **IV. THE LAST DISCOURSE: TEACHING FOR THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST (13:1-17:26)**

### **V. THE CROSS & RESURRECTION: DEFINING JESUS AS THE CHRIST (18:1-20:31)**

#### **A. The Significance of Christ’s Burial in the GOSPEL OF JOHN (19:38-42)**

1) Regarding the PEOPLE involved in Christ’s burial, there were \_\_\_\_\_ prominent men involved, namely \_\_\_\_\_ (19:38) and \_\_\_\_\_ (19:39).

*\* What do we know about these men?*

*\* What is significant about this event as it relates to faith?*

2) Regarding PROPHECY, this event \_\_\_\_\_ pertaining to Christ’s burial. (Deut. 21:23; Isa. 53:9)

3) Regarding the PRACTICE involved in Christ’s burial, this custom provides \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ’s literal, physical \_\_\_\_\_. (19:39-40)

*\* What was the “custom of the Jews”?*

*\* What purpose did the myrrh and aloes serve?*

*\* How does this relate to the practice of cremation vs. burial?*

4) Regarding the PLACE where Christ was buried, the tomb provides \_\_\_\_\_ for both Christ’s literal, physical \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (19:41-42)

*\* What happened after Christ’s body was placed in the tomb?*

**B. The Significance of Christ's Burial as It Relates to the GOSPEL OF CHRIST (1 Cor. 15:3-4)**

1. According to 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Christ's burial is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel.

*\* How has the burial been used for this purpose historically?*

2. Though Christ's burial is extremely valuable as a support for the gospel, it is not technically an \_\_\_\_\_ of the good news or the \_\_\_\_\_ of saving faith.

*This conclusion is supported by the fact that . . .*

a) . . . the gospel is said to be \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 1:1-2), yet Christ's burial is not modified by this expression in \_\_\_\_\_ or in \_\_\_\_\_ or in any of the \_\_\_\_\_.

*\* Is this also true of the apostle's gospel preaching? (Lk. 24:44-46; Acts 3:18; 13; 26:22-23)*

b) . . . Christ's death and resurrection \_\_\_\_\_ in Scripture without any reference to the burial and post-resurrection appearances. (Matt. 16:20-21; 17:22-23; 20:17-19; Mark 8:29-31; 9:30-32; 10:32-34; Luke 18:31-34; 24:7, 26, 46; Acts 2:23-24; 3:15; 4:10; 5:30; 10:39-40; 17:3; 25:19; 26:23; Rom. 4:24-25; 5:9-10; 8:34; Gal. 1:1-4; 1 Thess. 4:14; 1 Peter 1:2-3, 11, 18-21; 3:18-21)

c) . . . our eternal \_\_\_\_\_ does not rest upon Christ's burial and post-resurrection appearances but upon His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 4:25; 1 Cor. 15:17-18).

d) . . . there are no other \_\_\_\_\_ that specifically require belief in Christ's burial and post-resurrection appearances to be saved, as there are with Christ's person and work. (Rom. 10:9; 1 Cor. 1:18; 2:2; 1 Thess. 4:14)

e) . . . the burial and appearances of Christ are not \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ's person as are His deity (John 8:24), humanity (1 Tim. 2:4-5), sacrificial death (John 6:53), and resurrection (Rev. 5:6).

*\* How does this relate to belief in Christ for eternal life? (John 3:16; 6:47; etc.)*