

## THE PREPARATION AND BURIAL OF JESUS' BODY

(Luke 23:50-56)

- A. JESUS' FIRST TRIAL: BEFORE GOVERNOR PILATE (Luke 23:1-5)
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- C. JESUS' THIRD TRIAL: BEFORE GOVERNOR PILATE AGAIN (Luke 23:13-25)
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- G. THE PHYSICAL DEATH OF CHRIST (Luke 23:46-49; Matt. 27:50-56; Mark 15:37-41; John 19:28-30)
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### I. JESUS IS BURIED IN THE TOMB (Luke 23:50-56)

1. John's Gospel informs us that the religious Jews asked Pilate that Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ would be \_\_\_\_\_ in order to get it over with; so that they could enjoy their Passover holiday and Sabbath. (John 19:31-37, cf. Num. 9:11-12; Ps. 34:20)
  
2. Confirming the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' death, Joseph of Arimathea a disciple previously unrevealed took the \_\_\_\_\_ in seeing that the Lord's body had a proper burial. (v. 50, cf. Matt. 27:57-58; John 19:38)

\* What two words did Luke specifically use to describe Joseph's character?

3. Even though Joseph was a rich man and a member of the Sanhedrin Council, he had \_\_\_\_\_ consented to their wicked \_\_\_\_\_ to falsely accuse Jesus, nor to have Him crucified. (v. 51, cf. Matt. 27:57; Isa. 53:9)
  
4. Joseph mustered up the \_\_\_\_\_ to ask Pontius Pilate for Jesus' body, and the governor was \_\_\_\_\_ that Christ was dead so quickly. (v. 52, cf. Mark 15:42-45)

5. Even though the apostles had temporarily forsaken Jesus, Joseph and his fellow Council member Nicodemus (John 19:38-40) rose to the occasion to demonstrate their love and respect for the Lord.
- a. They carefully took the body down from the cross and with a mixture of \_\_\_\_\_, wrapped it in \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 53a)
  - b. Condemned criminals lost the right to a proper burial, but these men \_\_\_\_\_ placed the Lord's body in a tomb that had \_\_\_\_\_ been used. (v. 53b)
6. Friday of every week was "*the day of preparation*" for the Sabbath, this places Joseph's actions on late \_\_\_\_\_ afternoon just before \_\_\_\_\_— when the Sabbath would begin. (v. 54)
7. The faithful women who had been following Jesus from early on (Luke 8:2-3), now followed behind so they could \_\_\_\_\_ the tomb after the Sabbath in order to \_\_\_\_\_ with more spices. (vv. 55-56)
8. While Jesus' friends displayed loving \_\_\_\_\_, the Jewish leaders were still plotting and \_\_\_\_\_; the apostles had forgotten about the Lord's promise of resurrection, but His enemies \_\_\_\_\_. (Matt. 27:62-66)

\* By rolling a stone and placing a guard at the tomb, what had the Jews and Romans done?

\* What can you personally apply from this passage?