

QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time in your life when you did something special to honor the memory of a loved one you lost.

2. What would you want others to put on your gravestone?

3. Read the following passages and note the Bible says about our friendships:
 - a) Proverbs 17:17
 - b) Proverbs 27:6
 - c) Proverbs 27:9
 - d) Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
 - e) John 15:13
 - f) I Corinthians 15:33
 - g) I Thessalonians 5:11

4. What things did Joseph of Arimathea sacrifice to request the body of Jesus from Pilate?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week's message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
 - ☐ I am going to pray for boldness to share my faith with others.
 - ☐ I am going to write a letter or send a card to someone I care about to let them know how much I appreciate them.
 - ☐ I am going to memorize John 15:13.

Cornerstone Church
Luke 23:50-56

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Study Series #104

The Burial of Jesus Christ

I. Introduction

A. What Do You Want on Your Tombstone?

(See Hebrews 9:27; Genesis 5:24; II Kings 2:11)

B. Why is the Burial of Jesus Christ Important?

(See I Corinthians 15:3-4; John 19:26-27; Matthew 26:33; Isaiah 53:9; Matthew 27:57-60; Joshua 21:45; Joshua 23:14)

C. Joseph of Arimathea

(See Luke 23:50; Matthew 27:57; Mark 15:43; John 19:38; Genesis 37:1-50:26; I Samuel 1:1)

II. Joseph of Arimathea

A. Joseph: His Character

(See Luke 23:50; Matthew 27:57; Mark 15:43; John 19:38; I Corinthians 1:26; Luke 23:51; Mark 14:64)

B. Joseph: His Heart

(See Luke 23:51; Mark 15:43; Matthew 22:23; Mark 12:18; Luke 20:27; Acts 23:8)

C. Joseph: His Boldness

(See Luke 23:52; Matthew 27:58; Mark 15:43;
John 19:38; John 19:31-33)

D. Joseph: His Service

(See Luke 23:53; Matthew 27:59-60; Mark 15:46;
John 19:39-42)

E. Joseph: His Friends

(See Luke 23:55-56; Matthew 27:61; Mark 15:47; John 19:42;
Proverbs 12:26; I Corinthians 15:33; Proverbs 18:24)

III. Conclusion

IV. Communion

Communion at Cornerstone Church is open for all who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. You do not have to be a member of Cornerstone or a member of a Southern Baptist Church to observe Communion with us. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you are welcome to take Communion. If you are not a believer in Jesus Christ, Scripture commands that you refrain taking Communion. (I Corinthians 11:26-31)

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

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Passage of Study Luke 23:50-56

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; 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. ⁵⁴ It was the preparation day, and the Sabbath was about to begin. ⁵⁵ Now the women who had come with Him out of Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how His body was laid. ⁵⁶ Then they returned and prepared spices and perfumes. And on the Sabbath, they rested according to the commandment.

Parallel Passages of Study Matthew 27:57-61

⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given *to him*. 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. ⁶¹ And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the grave.

Mark 15:42-47

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 Joseph were looking on *to see* where He was laid.

See also John 19:38-42