



“Jesus’ Burial”

Mark 15:39-47 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction –*Jesus’ burial is significant because of the people who were there and why.*

I. The People Who Were There.

- A. The death of Jesus brought three different classes of people together.
 - 1. The Roman Centurion.
 - 2. The Women.
 - 3. Joseph of Arimathea.
- B. The Centurion was profoundly affected by Jesus’ death, and certified to Pilate that Jesus was dead.
- C. The Women followers of Jesus were there to make sure Jesus’ body was taken care of.
- D. It is significant that the Women were present at Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection.
- E. Because of the Gospel, God was bringing Outsiders In, and Insiders Out.

II. The People Who Were Changed.

- A. Joseph of Arimathea was “an Insider” of the Jewish religious power structure.
- B. John’s Gospel tells us that Joseph and Nicodemus were friends and went together to ask for the body of Jesus.
- C. Joseph went “boldly” to ask Pilate for the body of Jesus.
 - 1. This took great courage.
 - 2. They are willing to risk everything to bury Jesus.
 - 3. Something significant changed for them.
- D. Not only were they becoming bolder, they were also becoming more humble and generous.
 - 1. The linen cloth.
 - 2. The tomb.
 - 3. They washed Jesus’ body.
 - 4. They laid it in a tomb.
- E. It doesn’t matter who you are, rich or poor, insider or outsider we all need the salvation Jesus came to give us.
- F. We all enter God’s Kingdom and receive salvation when we humble ourselves and believe in Jesus.

Conclusion.