



The Gospel of Matthew

“The Burial of Jesus”
Matthew 27:57-66

“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures”

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Matthew 27:57-66

And when it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had become a disciple of Jesus.

This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given over to him.

And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 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.

And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the grave.

Now the next day, which is the one after the preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered together with Pilate, and said, “Sir, we remember that when He was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I am to rise again.’”

Therefore, give orders for the grave to be made secure until the third day, lest the disciples come and steal him away and say to the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last deception will be worse than the first.”

Pilate said to them, “You have a guard; go make it as secure as you know how.”

And they went and made the grave secure, and along with the guard they set a seal on the stone.



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Apologetic Purpose

❖ *the fact and manner of Jesus’ burial supports the reality of the empty tomb*



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1. He was buried by Joseph of Arimathea

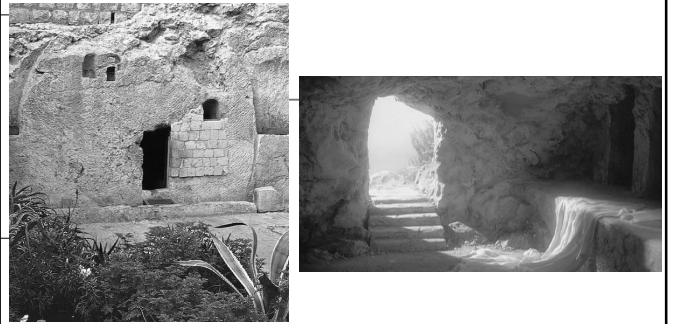
- His body was not left exposed or buried in a common grave

- He was buried by a rich, prominent member of Jewish society – a member of the Sanhedrin

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2. He was buried in a new tomb
 - it removed the possibility of mistaken identity and made possible an empty tomb



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3. His burial was witnessed by women
 - verifies the fact of Jesus' burial and that the same tomb was empty on the third day

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4. His tomb was made



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4. His tomb was made secure by a guard
 - it renders highly implausible the claim the Jesus' body was stolen by His disciples
 - it gave further evidence to the fact the tomb was found empty

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Joseph: An Example of Discipleship

- he willingly counted the cost by publicly identifying with Jesus
- he demonstrated faith in an hour when all others were faithless
- he saw and responded to a unique opportunity to be faithful to Jesus