

JESUS' BURIAL
(Matthew 27:57-61)

- I. REQUESTING the Body (Matthew 27:57-58a)
 - A. It was EVENING, probably about 4:00pm
 - B. It was PREPARATION Day (Mark 15:42)
 - 1. Identified the day before the SABBATH
 - 2. Identified the day before a FESTIVAL
 - C. The body was requested BOLDLY by Joseph, from Arimathea
 - 1. He was RICH
 - 2. He was an HONORABLE COUNSELOR (Mark 15:43)
 - 3. He was a GOOD and JUST man (Luke 23:50)
 - 4. He had NOT CONSENTED to the plot to kill Jesus (Luke 23:51)
 - 5. He was a SECRET DISCIPLE of Jesus (John 19:38)
- II. RELEASING the Body (Matthew 27:58; Mark 15:44-45)
 - A. Pilate MARVELED if Jesus might already be DEAD
 - 1. He called for the supervising CENTURION
 - 2. He asked if he had WITNESSED Jesus' DEATH
 - 3. Jesus' DEATH was OFFICIALLY CERTIFIED

B. Pilate GAVE the CORPSE to Joseph contrary to CUSTOM (Mk 15:45)

1. Rome FOBADE burial when crime was TREASON

2. Would otherwise go to FAMILY

III. BURYING the Body (Matthew 27:59-61)

A. He BOUGHT fine LINEN (cf. Mk 15:46)

B. He TOOK Jesus DOWN

C. He WRAPPED Jesus in the LINEN

D. He laid Jesus in a TOMB hewn from ROCK

1. It was Joseph's OWN TOMB

2. It had never before been USED (Luke 23:53)

E. He CLOSED the tomb with a STONE

F. Two WOMEN carefully observed the BURIAL

IV. FULFILLING Prophecy

A. None of Jesus' BONES were BROKEN (Ps. 34:20)

B. His side was PIERCED with a SPEAR (Zech. 12:10)

C. His body would have been treated like a CRIMINAL'S (Isa. 53:9a)

D. His body was buried in the tomb of a RICH MAN (Isa. 53:9b)