

JESUS' TOMB  
(Matthew 27:62-66)

- I. The HYPOCRISY of the Jewish Leaders (Matt. 27:62)
  - A. Their COLLABORATION with OPPONENTS (cf. 21:25)
    - 1. The chief priests were all SADDUCEES
      - a. Were religious and political COMPROMISERS
      - b. DENIED any coming resurrection
    - 2. The PHARISEES
      - a. Were religious and political SEPERATISTS
      - b. ANTICIPATED the coming resurrection
  - B. Their CONTAMINATION by meeting with PILATE
    - 1. Considered DEFILING to have contact with a GENTILE
    - 2. Would make them UNCLEAN on the SABBATH
- II. The FEAR of the Jewish Leaders (Matt. 27:63-64)
  - A. Their HATRED for Jesus
    - 1. Treated Him with DISDAIN
    - 2. Refused to SAY HIS NAME

- B. Their ANXIETY over what MIGHT happen
  - 1. Had LISTENED to Jesus and REMEMBERED what He said (Matt. 12:38-40)
  - 2. Had INTERPRETED His words LITERALLY
  - 3. Asked Pilate to ORDER His tomb be made SECURE
    - a. Necessary for only THREE DAYS
    - b. Anticipated His disciples' STEALING His body to claim He'd RISEN
  - 4. Wanted to prevent ANOTHER "DECEPTION"
    - a. Thought His claiming to be KING was BAD
    - b. Feared His claiming RESURRECTION would be WORSE

### III. The PRECAUTION of the Jewish Leaders (Matt. 27:65-66)

- A. Received PERMISSION from Pilate
  - 1. To set a GUARD
  - 2. To make it as "SECURE as you know HOW"
- B. Immediately DID as PERMITTED
  - 1. Appointed GUARDS
  - 2. "Set a SEAL on the stone"