

Mark 15:42-47
John 19:38-42
"Moments of Courage"

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1. Introduction

a. Unknown in the future impact of a single decision

b. Joseph of Arimathea came to Pilate to bury body of Jesus
- disciple of Jesus (Jn 19:38)
- waiting for kingdom of God
- he came secretly for fear of the Jews (Jn 19:38)
- prominent member of Sanhedran (Jewish religious body)

~~Nicodemus~~ Nicodemus also came to Jesus secretly (Jn 3:1-2)

- Joseph had not consented to death of Jesus (Lk 23:50-51)

c. God is not as interested in our strength(s) as in our relying on God in our weakness(es)

2. Joseph's Courage

a. He took courage to go to Pilate

b. He was more afraid of the Jews than Pilate (Jn 19:38)

3. Joseph's Action

a. Body of Jesus? Pilate investigates

b. Pilates call crucifixion centurion for a report

- Pilate asked how long Jesus had been dead

c. Process of hurrying death on cross - 3 dead on cross

- Jn 19:32 broke legs of 2 criminals to hurry up dying

- 3rd man Jesus looked dead

- Roman soldier thrust spear

upward into heart & lungs cavity
- blood & water & blood gush (Jn 19:34)

- 3d. Jesus was certainly dead
- 3e. Scripture fulfilled
- not one bone broken
(Jn 19:33, 36; Ps 34:20)
 - look upon who was pierced
(Jn 19:34, 37; Ps 22:16; Zech 12:10)
4. Nicodemus companion to Joseph
- a. Pilate gives body of dead Jesus to Joseph of ~~Aritha~~ Arimathea
 - b. Nicodemus help Joseph prepare body for burial
 - Nicodemus brings spices for burial - myrrh & aloes
 - Joseph brings strips of fine linen (MK 15:46, Jn 19:39-40)
 - c. They bury Jesus' body in rock tomb (like a cave) & rolled ~~the~~ huge stone in front of tomb
 - Mt 27:59-60 new tomb
 - Lk 23:53 not used before
 - Jn 19:41-42 located in garden
 - * garden nearby Golgotha

5. ~~Jesus~~ Jesus Dead for 3 days & 3 nights
- a. Jonah 1:17 Jonah in belly of huge fish 3 days & 3 nights
 - b. Mt ~~23~~ 12:38-40 only sign given to generation who will not believe
 - like Jonah's big fish, Son of Man shall be in heart of the earth 3 days & 3 nights
 - c. 1 Cor 15:1-8 gospel preached to you...
 - according to the scriptures
 - * Christ died for our sins & was buried
 - * Christ arose (came alive from the dead) the 3rd day
 - Christ was seen alive from the dead by over 500 people
 - d. All Christians witnesses to the gospel of Jesus Christ