

THE BURIAL

THE CERTIFICATION OF DEATH AND THE PROCUREMENT OF THE BODY

TEXT: Matthew 27:57, 58; Mark 15:42-45; Luke 23:50-52; John 19:31-38

TIME: Friday, between 3 pm and sunset

PLACE: Golgotha, Jerusalem

◆ The Certification of Death

- Why were the Jews in such a hurry to get the body of Jesus off the cross? cp. Deuteronomy 21:22, 23
- What was their request?
- What was discovered about Jesus? cp. Psalm 34:20
- When the side of Jesus was pierced, what flowed out?
- John 19:36 speaks of fulfilled Scriptures. Again, note some of the O.T. scriptures/prophecies surrounding Christ's death:
 - Nailed to the cross Psalm 22:16
 - Forsaken by God Psalm 22:1
 - Mocked Psalm 22:7,8
 - Gall and vinegar given to Him to drink Psalm 69:21
 - Garments parted and lots cast Psalm 22:18
 - Numbered with the transgressors Isaiah 53:12
 - Intercession for His murderers Isaiah 53:12
 - His expiration Isaiah 53:12
 - Not a bone of Him broken Exodus 12:46; Psalm 34:20
 - Pierced- Zechariah 12:10
 - Buried with the rich Isaiah 53:9
- The two points made in his section are, 1), that Jesus died a physical death, and 2), the death of Jesus was voluntary and according to the foreknowledge and plan of God and was fulfillment of prophecy.

◆ The Procurement of the Body

- Who asked for Jesus' body?
 - There are at least six things noted about him:
 - 1 _____ 2 _____
 - 3 _____ 4 _____
 - 5 _____ 6 _____
- What did Pilate want to know first?

NOTE: The skeptics try to explain away the resurrection of Jesus by saying that He just "swooned" and later was revived. But we can be well sure that if a Roman centurion said He was dead, he was dead.

JESUS BODY PLACED IN THE TOMB

TEXT: Matthew 27:59, 60; Mark 15:46; Luke 23:53, 54; John 19:39-42

TIME: Friday before sunset

PLACE: Joseph's tomb

◆ The Burial

- What other secret disciple came with Joseph?
 - Who was this man and what do we know of him? cp John 3:1-21
 - What did he bring and why?
- What did they do with the body of Jesus?

Note: With the burial of Jesus, Satan is sure that he has the final word and that God's plan is at last defeated...but, there's more to come!

THE TOMB WATCHED BY THE WOMEN AND GUARDED BY THE SOLDIERS

TEXT: Matthew 27:61-66; Mark 15:47; Luke 23:55, 56

◆ The Women

- For what were the women watching?
- They returned home to do what?
- Why did they have to wait to prepare the body of Jesus?

◆ The Tomb Guarded

- What day does this happen?
- Who came to Pilate and what did they remember?
- What was their request?
 - What did they fear?
 - What plans did they have for the body of Jesus?
- Pilate's response, "You have a _____; go, make it as _____ as you know how."
 - Having secured the tomb with a Roman guard, they then "set a _____ on the stone." (research this if possible)

NOTE: These two steps taken by the enemies of Jesus make the Resurrection even more believable. Every precaution was taken to keep Jesus in the tomb. Thus, the proof of the Resurrection has become incontrovertible by what Jesus' enemies did.