

## **The Death and Burial of Jesus**

### **Discussion Questions for Mark 15:33-47**

1. What unusual occurrence took place as Jesus was dying? (15:33)
2. What did Jesus say “at the ninth hour”? (15:34)
3. What do Jesus’ words at the ninth hour reveal about how He was feeling right before He died? (15:34)
4. What did Jesus mean when He said that God had “forsaken” Him? (15:34)
5. How did the bystanders misunderstand what Jesus was going through? (15:35)
6. What offer of help did Jesus receive? (15:36)
7. What does the fact that Jesus twice cried out in a loud voice tell us about the way He died? (15:34, 37)
8. What happened right after Jesus’ death? (15:38)
9. How did the centurion react to Jesus’ crucifixion and death? (15:39)
10. What caused the centurion to believe in Jesus? (15:39)
11. Who watched Christ’s crucifixion from a distance? Why? (15:40–41)
12. Who was Joseph? (15:43)
13. What kind of person took it upon himself to bury Jesus’ body? (15:43)
14. What was significant about the fact that Joseph asked for Jesus’ body? (15:43)
15. What kind of man was Joseph of Arimathea? (15:43)
16. What was courageous about what Joseph did? (15:43)
17. What risks did Joseph take in approaching Pilate? (15:43)
18. What do Joseph’s actions tell us about his own understanding of Jesus? (15:43–46)
19. What took Pilate by surprise? (15:44)
20. How did Pilate respond to Joseph’s request? (15:45)
21. What did Joseph do to Jesus’ body? (15:46)
22. Who witnessed Jesus’ burial? (15:47)

23. What do you think motivated one man to offer Jesus a drink of wine vinegar?
24. What does it mean that the curtain of the temple tore?
25. What did the tearing of the temple curtain symbolize?
26. What difference does Jesus' death make in your life?
27. What did Jesus' words on the cross mean?
28. What kind of isolation did Jesus experience in His death on the cross?
29. How can we draw encouragement from the loneliness Jesus endured?
30. In what way can following Christ or doing what God wants be a lonely experience?
31. How does it make you feel to know that Christ endured such intense suffering for your salvation?
32. What significance is there for you in the fact that a Roman soldier recognized the great truth that even the religious leaders could not see?
33. What did Joseph risk in burying Jesus' body?
34. What do you risk in being a follower of Christ?
35. In what situations might doing the right thing require courage?
36. How did Joseph's position and status conflict with his actions?
37. In what way does being a Christian go against what people expect of you?
38. How can we follow Joseph's example?
39. What step of courage can you take in serving God this week?
40. What person or reminder can help you draw courage to do what God wants?
41. How has your study of this passage changed your perception of Jesus?
42. In what way is every person indebted to Christ?
43. What can you do as a reminder of what Christ did for you?
44. When might you have to face loneliness as a part of following Christ this week?