

The Death and Burial of Jesus

Mark 15:33-47

Context: After Jesus is placed on a cross, he speaks his final words and dies. Jesus is buried in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea.

As Jesus dies for your sins and is buried...

I. _____ the mystery of the forsaken Christ (vs. 33-37)

- A. Jesus utters the opening words of Psalm 22 and in so doing cries out to God in the immense pain of divine abandonment (see Isa. 59:2; Hab. 1:13), which he suffers as a substitute for sinful mankind (see note on Mark 10:45). Yet the following verses of Psalm 22 also anticipate divine intervention on his behalf (cf. Heb. 5:7–9). (ESV Study Bible)
- B. Though the Trinitarian nature of God remained unbroken, yet the Son experienced a judicial separation from the Father as he suffered for the sins of the world. (Tony Evans)

II. _____ at the temple curtain torn in two (vs. 38)

- A. This symbolized that he had achieved what he came to do—granting human beings access to God. Indeed, by atoning for sin, Jesus made it possible for people to come into God’s presence. We have no need for a mere human high priest to offer sacrifices repeatedly so that we can be right with God. Jesus Christ, the God-Man, is our great high priest who offered himself for sin once and for all (see Heb 4:14; 7:27; 10:10, 12). (Tony Evans)

III. _____ the people who assisted with His burial (vs. 39-47)

- A. Mary Magdalene - Luke 8:2 says Jesus had cast seven demons from her. She has the distinction of being the first person to see the risen Christ (John 20:1, 18).
- B. Mary the Mother of James - This Mary is also called the “other Mary” in connection with the empty tomb, and she was one of the women who brought spices for Jesus’ body and met an angel instead.
- C. Joseph of Arimathea - a respected member of the Jewish Council (or “Sanhedrin”), courageously intended to bury Jesus before the Sabbath began at sundown. He was looking for the kingdom of God, and Matt. 27:57 calls him “a disciple of Jesus.” (ESV Study Bible)