

Survey Of The Life Of Christ

Lesson Twenty-Five: "The Burial Of Christ"

Lesson Aim: To observe closely the care given to and the preparations made for the secure burial of Jesus of Nazareth.

Memory Verse: Lk. 23:52-53

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday	"Crucifixion Phenomena"	Mk. 15:38-46; Lk. 23:45-49
Monday	"Joseph And Nicodemus"	Jno. 19:31-42
Tuesday	"The Burial Of Jesus"	Mt. 27:51-66; Lk. 23:50-54
Wednesday	"The Watch At The Tomb"	Mk. 15:47; Lk. 23:55,56
Thursday	"The Empty Tomb"	Mk. 16:1-8; Lk. 23:1-8
Friday	"Two Visit The Tomb"	Mt. 28:1-9; Lk. 24:9-12
Saturday	"He Is Risen"	Jno. 20:1-10

Questions For Review

1. Immediately after Jesus died, what happened in Jerusalem? (Mt. 27:51-54)
2. When the Centurion observed these things what did he conclude about Jesus? (Mk. 15:39)
3. Who beheld Jesus from afar off? (Mt. 27:56)
4. What was the Preparation, and why was this particular Sabbath a high day? (Jno. 19:31)
5. Why were the Jews so eager for the bodies of the crucified to be removed? (Dt. 21:23)
6. What two Old Testament prophecies were fulfilled at this time? (Jno. 19:36, 37)
7. Who was Joseph of Arimathea? What did he request of Pilate? (Lk. 23:50-52; Mt. 27:57)
8. What was unusual about Joseph's request? (Mt. 15:44-45)
9. Who helped Joseph in his preparations to bury Jesus? (Jno. 19:39-41)
10. List what was done for Jesus burial.
11. What precaution did the Roman authorities take to keep Jesus' body in the tomb? (Mt. 27:62-66)
12. Who was first to visit the tomb of Jesus? (Mk. 16:1, 2)
13. How was the stone removed from before the tomb of Jesus? (Mt. 28:2-4)
14. Who reported to the first visitors at the tomb the resurrection of Jesus? (Lk. 24:4-8)
15. To whom did Mary report the things seen at the tomb? (Jno. 20:2-10) What did they do?

Questions For Thought

1. What evidence would you offer to substantiate that Jesus was certainly dead and not in a "swoon?"
2. Had Jesus been in a "swoon" what would have prevented his escaping the tomb?
3. Why is it not possible for the disciples to have made a mistake by going to the wrong tomb to prepare Jesus' body?
4. Why is it impossible to believe that the disciples stole Jesus' body?
5. What was the significance of sealing the tomb?

Lesson Application

There is a tremendous amount of evidence to substantiate the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. You should never doubt its truthfulness. Let us remember, if Christ was not raised, then our faith is vain, we bear persecution foolishly, and our souls are damned, (1 Cor. 15)