

Jesus' Body

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Mark 15:42-16:8

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Now What

- Jesus has given up His life^{Mk15:37}
- The battle is won! The body of Jesus still hangs...
- Two evenings: 1st 3pm; 2nd 6pm. Most likely the 1st evening
- Joseph of Arimethea goes to Pilate, asks for body^{Jn19:42}
- Jewish Law forbade body to hang overnight^{Dt21:22-23}
- Disciples had fled^{Mk14:50}, though John had seen some^{Jn19:26-27}

A Bold Follower of Jesus

- God providentially used Joseph of Arimethea
- Respected member of council^{Mk15:43}; rich disciple^{Mt27:57}
- Bold move^{Mk15:43} in asking for body
- Pilate wasn't fan of Jews; Sanhedrin didn't like Jesus^{Jn19:38}
- Gospel power gave Joseph boldness! Nicodemus helped^{Jn19:39}
- They now saw the God's power to Save: Lamb of God!
- Pilate was surprised, checked with centurion^{Mk15:39}

Caring for Jesus' Body

- Body taken down; wrapped in linen
- Took body to Joseph's private unused tomb^{Is53:9} in garden
- Jesus now treated like a king!

The Stone Rolled in Place

- After lovingly caring for body
- Stone is rolled against the entrance of tomb⁴⁶
- Likely easy to roll in place, difficult to roll out
- Tomb sealed^{Mt27:62-66} by authorities

Faithful, Observant Followers

- Mark shows us the women were faithful until the end
- Watched crucifixion; watched care of Jesus' body

So What? What will YOU do with the body of Jesus?

- You can mock & dishonore it
 - religious leaders; pagans
 - Their attempts accomplished God's plans^{Is55:8-9}
 - Church is Jesus body^{Col1:18,24;Eph5:23}
 - Many also seek to mock & dishonor the Church
 - We should not be surprised^{Jn15:20}
- You can care for it and Respect it!
 - Women, Joseph, Nicodemus cared for body
 - They were bold and respected regardless of others
 - They accomplished God's purposes^{Jn19:31-37}
 - We should honor Church, Christ's body
 - Remember Power of the Gospel to live out the Purpose of the Gospel through Christ's Church
- A Proper way to Respond
 - How do you treat Christ's body - the Church?
 - It is not something to serve us - we serve & honor it!
 - Learn from Mark - be amazed & astonished - glorify God!