

LUKE Lesson 68

The Burial of Christ and The Empty Tomb (Luke 23:48-24:12)

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- Vs 48** “All the people...came together” at the foot of the cross as prophesied in Genesis 49:10, “Unto him shall the gathering of the people be.”
- Vs 49** “And all his acquaintance.” Mary was there with all her children. The disciples forsook Jesus, but His family stood by Him. Your blood relatives will most likely care for you more than anyone else will. They’ll be there for you when you’re going through a trial or a tragedy (Prov 17:17).
“And the women...” These women followed Jesus all the way from Galilee (127 Km, straight line). Women are a very important part of any ministry. They are the faithful ones following Jesus.
- Vs 50** “There was a man named Joseph...” **Luke 23:50:** He’s a counsellor, a good man, a just man. **Matthew 27:57:** He’s a rich man, a disciple of Jesus Christ. **Mark 15:43:** He’s an honorable counsellor. **John 19:38:** He was a secret disciple until he beheld the sacrifice of Jesus. If you ever make an effort to understand what Jesus did for you, you’ll want to openly do something for Him.
Jesus “made his grave with...the rich in his death...” (Isaiah 53:9). Joseph (a rich man) placed Jesus’ body in his own private new tomb (Mt 27:60).
- Vs 51** Joseph of Arimathaea was not among those who were plotting against Jesus (see Exod 23:2, Gen 37:21). Nicodemus also opposed the counsel of the other religious leaders (Jn 7:50-51).
- Vs 52** Joseph begged the body of Jesus.
- Vs 53** He wrapped the body in linen and laid it in the tomb. When Jesus came into this world as a babe, He was wrapped in swaddling clothes (Luke 2:7). He ends His life wrapped in grave clothes. Both are narrow bands of cloth wrapped around the body.
- Vs 54** Jesus died on a high day (John 19:31) which is called “the sabbath.” Saturday is not the only Sabbath day. Jesus was in the tomb Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (3 days and 3 nights).
- 55-56** The women followed Jesus’ body to the tomb...and prepared... These women seemed to understand that this was not the end. Jesus said He would rise again so, they’re preparing.

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- 1-3** Very early Sunday morning while it was still dark (Jn 20:1), the women brought the spices to the tomb and found the stone rolled away and the Lord’s body gone.
The tomb had been covered with a stone and guarded (Mt 27:66).
Daniel in the lion’s den is a picture of the resurrection of Jesus Christ (Daniel 6).
- 4-6** Two men in shining garments (angels, Mt 28:5) spoke to the women and announced that the Lord was not among the dead but was risen.

7-11 The women believed and told the apostles and all the rest, but their report was not believed.

Vs 12 Peter arose, ran, stooped, beheld, departed, and wondered, —but he didn't believe.

The grave clothes:

Lazarus had to be loosed from his grave clothes after he was raised from the dead (Jn 11:44). Jesus had power to pass right through his grave clothes.

The "Shroud of Turin" is unbiblical. There were two separate pieces mentioned in the bible; the linen clothes, and the napkin that was about his head (John 20:1-7).

What became of the body?

1. If Jesus' enemies stole the body, they would have paraded it all over town to prove that He didn't rise from the dead.
 2. If the disciples stole the body, they would have had to find some courage that they hadn't demonstrated up to this point. They fled and hid, failing to take a stand for Christ. They lacked the boldness and courage to achieve such a difficult task.
 - a. Not only that, but if Jesus didn't rise from the dead, why did these men devote their lives to proclaiming the gospel of the risen Christ? Those efforts would have been vain (1 Cor 15:12-19) and we would all still be in our sins.
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