

**Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"**  
**"Death And Burial of Jesus"**  
**Luke 23:47-56**  
**Study-104**

**2 Corinthians 5:18-21**

**Luke 23 The Death of Jesus Christ:**  
**Verses 1-25 The Civil Trials**  
**Verses 26-46 His Crucifixion**  
**Verses 47-56 Death and Burial**

**Passage is in part in all 4 Gospels: Matthew 27:54-61; Mark 15:39-47;**  
**Luke 23:47-56; John 19:31-42**

**Thought Of The Passage:** "Jesus, Who Revealed God's Glory, Actually Died And Was Buried In The Same Manner As All Dead People"

- 1. Verses 47-49 Death Of Jesus Witnessed**
- 2. Verses 50-56 Burial Of Jesus Witnessed**

**1. Verses 47-49 Death Of Jesus Witnessed:**

**Luke 23:47 Now Context – Luke 23:44-45 7<sup>th</sup> Word – "The Word Of Contentment" Luke 23:46 He breathed His last. Death –** means "separation" it is the separation of the soul and the spirit from the body.

The Bible speaks of death, it speaks of three different forms of death:

- 1. Physical Death:** That when the soul and spirit leaves the body the body ceases to live or function.

Jesus, during His ministry, in the gospels He raised three people from the dead. **The widow's son (Luke 7:15)**, the **Jairus' daughter (Mark 5:32)**, and the **Lazarus - most beloved account (John 11)**.

- 2. Spiritual Death:** We are all born this way. We enter this world as enemies of God. We have a nature that opposes God.

That we are physically alive, soullessly active, but spiritually dead.

- 3. Ultimate Death:** Which is separation from God at death, which is hell. This is separation from God for all eternity. Not only will the person be separated from God, but will face punishment for eternity.

**Jesus came to bring deliverance from all three forms of death.**

**A relationship with Jesus determines how these deaths will affect me!**

**Verse 47 - Witness of The Centurion: when the centurion** - *nominally the commander of a century, a military unit originally consisting of 100 legionaries.*

**saw what had happened,** The witness of Jesus in His life and His death.  
**Luke 23:46 Having said this, He breathed His last.**

**The Effect Of Jesus Death: he began praising God,** This Centurion was compelled "*to praise and give honor to God for what he had witnessed*"

**saying, "Certainly this man was innocent."** "*He was acceptable to God*"  
Equivalent to "Son of God" **Matthew 27:54 "Truly this was the Son of God!"**

Jesus at His dedication by Simeon - **Luke 2:30-32**

**Jesus is the God to the Gentiles:**

**Pilate said Jesus was innocent, Herod said so, and the thief said so, now the Centurion is added to the list of witnesses.**

**Verse 48 - Witness of The Crowd: all the crowds who came together for this spectacle,** people that came to be entertained.

**when they observed what had happened,** the witness continues with the multitude that had come out to watch the crucifixion.

**began to return, beating their breasts.** "*Instead of being entertained by the cross they were saddened by what they witnessed*" This beating of the breast is "*a sign of anguish, grief or contrition*" **Luke 18:9-14**

**Acts 2:36-38**

**Verse 49 - Witness of The Acquaintances & Women: And all His acquaintances** those that knew Him, that were at a distance.

**and the women who accompanied Him from Galilee,** Notice that the women are mentioned. Luke is called "**The Gospel To Women!**"

**were standing at a distance, seeing these things.** Probably not polite to be so close and to stare.

**2. Verses 50-56 Burial Of Jesus Witnessed:**

**Luke 23:50 And a man named Joseph**, all four gospels mention **Joseph, Matthew 27:57-60; Mark 16:43-46; Luke 23:50-53; John 19:38-42**

**Matthew 27:57; John 19:38**

Joseph **for fear of the Jews**, this keeps many from Jesus Christ.  
**Proverbs 29:25**

Joseph **who was a member of the Council**, this man Joseph had a high position in the Sanhedrin the ruling party of the Jews, spiritual counsel of Judaism.

Joseph **a good and righteous man** Joseph was good in a moral sense, and he was in right standings with God. Joseph had placed his faith in Jesus.

**Luke 23:51 (he had not consented to their plan and action)**, he was not there when the vote was given because it was unanimous.  
**Luke 22:70; Mark 14:64**

**a man from Arimathea, a city of the Jews**, a city that was believed to be about 20 miles north-west of Jerusalem.

**who was waiting for the kingdom of God**; He was like Simeon waiting for the Messiah. **Luke 2:25**

**Luke 23:52 this man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.** This took courage. **Mark 15:43**

**Joseph went public in his faith. He reached a turning point when he had to make a stance for Jesus!**

**Luke 23:53** Joseph did three things:

- (1) And he took it down** Jesus was clearly dead, Joseph would not have taken a living Savior and placed Him in a tomb after wrapping him in spices.
- (2) and wrapped it in a linen cloth**, the dead body was wrapped in a burial shroud.
- (3) and laid Him in a tomb cut into the rock**, tombs were cut out of the stone and a room (Burial chambers) would have several slab areas in which the body would lay for over a year.

**where no one had ever lain.** This is important as no person has ever been placed. Exclusive for the Son of God. No mix up, no confusion.

**Matthew 27:60 and laid it in his own new tomb,**

**Nicodemus Joined Joseph With The Burial: John 19:39-41**

**Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden;**

**Pictures Of Garden Tomb: and in the garden** This could be what is known today as "**Gordon's Calvary**" The location was right next to Calvary.

**Isaiah 53:9**

**Luke 23:54 It was the preparation day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.**

**It was the preparation day,** technical term meaning "*the proceeding of the sabbath, the day of the killing of the Passover lamb*" **John 19:31 because it was the day of preparation,**

**John 19:32-33 Exodus 12:46** no broken bone.

**they saw that He was already dead John 19:34** Because He was really dead the blood had already separated plasma and the hemoglobin in the blood.

**Luke 23:55 Now the women who had come with Him out of Galilee followed,** the noticeable absence of the disciples of Jesus. **Luke 8:1-3** faithful women.

**saw the tomb and how His body was laid.** Jesus was really dead!

**Luke 23:56 And on the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.**

### **Application:**

1. Jesus Really Died: Crowds Including, Centurion, Disciples And Women Witness His Death.
2. His Death Was Substitution In That He Took Our Place: All Sin Was Heaped Upon Jesus, Thus He Received The Wrath Of God For Us.
3. His Death Then Gives Us Access To God. The Veil Has Been Torn And Access To God Is For All. We Are Now Priests Of God.