

## Sermon Discussion Guide:

# The Burial of Jesus

Scripture: **Luke 23:50–56**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

Sunday, August 30, 2020

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### OVERVIEW

Why is there such a focus on the burial of Jesus—it's mentioned in all four gospels—when it doesn't seem to be as important as his life, death and resurrection? But consider that Jesus had to truly die in order to save sinners like us. If his burial was not recorded, one could argue that he had just swooned or was only in a coma. How would that affect Christ's atonement for our sin and the sin of the world? **Sin and death came to life in a garden and also came to their end in a garden.**

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### CORROBORATING TEXTS

John 19:38; John 19:38–42; Matthew 27; Genesis 3; Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:22; Romans 6:1–11

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What has stuck with you from this message?
2. Read John 19:38–42. Why did Joseph—"secretly for fear of the Jews"—ask Pilate for the body of Jesus? Why was it significant that Joseph was the one who made this request?
3. Jesus' burial is emphasized in all four gospels, mentioned in catechisms, and recorded in history. Why is his burial so important? *[Consider Q41 of the Heidelberg Catechism: Why was he also "buried"? Thereby to prove that he was really dead.]*

*Commentary on Q41: "Because Jesus died and was buried we know that the wrath of God against the sins of all his people was fully exhausted. Believers need not fear judgment because Christ our substitute, our Mediator, has endured it for us. We may also live as those who have been crucified with him, who have died to sin that we might live a new life in union with Christ."*

4. Sin came to life in the world in the garden *[see Gen. 3]*. This explains why the world around us looks like it does, which may be extra-evident in our world today. Where have you been putting your hope? What have you been running to in the midst of difficult and uncertain circumstances?
5. Read Romans 6:1–11. How does this passage encourage you?