

THE REALLY GOOD LIFE!

The Life of Christ Series

Gospel of Luke

His Death and Burial

Luke 23:44-56

His Death

⁴⁴ Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. ⁴⁵ Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" Having said this, He breathed His last. ⁴⁷ So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, "Certainly this was a righteous Man!" ⁴⁸ And the whole crowd who came together to that sight, seeing what had been done, beat their breasts and returned. ⁴⁹ But all His acquaintances, and the women who followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

1. What is the significance of the darkness over all the earth? How is this comic event like Jesus' birth?
2. What is the significance of the veil being torn in two?
3. Jesus endured and sacrificed His life for us. With His last breath he commits His spirit to the Father. What can we learn from His action? What have you committed to the Father?
4. How was the centurion's and the crowd's responses differ from each other and how were they alike?

His Burial

⁵⁰ Now behold, *there was* a man named Joseph, a council member, a good and just man. ⁵¹ He had not consented to their decision and deed. *He was* from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who himself was also waiting for the kingdom of God. ⁵² This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³ Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a tomb *that was* hewn out of the rock, where no one had ever lain before. ⁵⁴ That day was the Preparation, and the Sabbath drew near. ⁵⁵ And the women who had come with Him from Galilee followed after, and they observed the tomb and how His body was laid. ⁵⁶ Then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment.

5. What does Luke tell us about Joseph? In v. 50 it says that Joseph was "a *good and just man*". Read Matt 27:57 and John 19:38. How do these verses explain was "good and just" mean?
6. Do you think this was an easy task for Joseph to ask Pilate for the body of Jesus? What was he risking when he did this? Do you think Joseph counted the cost prior to asking for Jesus' body?
7. Reflect on Christ's death and burial. How does that form your viewpoint of the consequence for sin? During this Thanksgiving season, how can you show thankfulness for his death on behalf of your sin?