

There is a Miracle After Your Burial (John 19:38-42)

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(38) After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body.

(39) Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight.

(40) So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

(41) Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. (42) So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

Practical Application

1. For the Christian, there is always a miracle after your burial.
2. What things have died in your life? Relationships, health, finances, dreams, work, etc.? There is hope for you.
3. Are you a disciple of Jesus? How are you growing in your faith today? What is your next step of growth this fall?
4. How does fear control your faith?
5. What might following Christ cost you? Whatever it is, it is worth it. He is worth it.
6. If God has given you wealth, position, influence, and opportunity, use it all to glorify Christ to the fullest.
7. The process of salvation can flesh out differently for each person. Tell your story.
8. How can you give God your heart and your best today?
9. God can turn graves into gardens, He can bring life from death, He can bring beauty from ashes, He can bring light from darkness.
10. For the Christian, there is always a miracle after your burial.
11. Are you a follower of Jesus Christ?

Announcements

1. **Children's AWANA Program and Adult Small Group Bible Study** begins on Wednesday, August 23 (6:30-7:30)! Remember we will be serving dinner to kids on Wednesday nights starting at 6.
2. **Ministry Opportunity upcoming!** HMC will be cooking and serving a pre-game meal to the Calera High School Football Team on **Friday September 8, 2023**. This is a great opportunity to show the young men and coaching staff of Calera High School Football, the love of God's church for our community. Pastor Deric will also be there to share and pray over the team. If you have questions, please contact Paul Hayes or any of the HMC Deacons.
3. **VOLUNTEER'S NEEDED:** Hospitality Team needs people to serve one Sunday a month on a rotation for next Quarter. Servants are needed to be doorway greeters to hand out sermon notes and for coffee bar set-up and clean up each week. Please consider volunteering to serve on this team. Contact Lanie at eleannamarieb@gmail.com or text (205) 915-4885 for more information and to sign up.
4. **Church Business Meeting.** There will be a regular business meeting, right after service.