

THE DAY GOD WAS BURIED

Matthew 27:57-61

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INTRODUCTION

- A. Why was the word “buried” included in the Apostle’s Creed?
 - 1. At Christmas we think about the birth of Jesus.
 - 2. At Easter we think about his death and resurrection.
 - 3. We seldom, however, think about Jesus’ burial.
- B. Why is Jesus’ burial important?

I. FIRST, BECAUSE ITS RECORDED IN SCRIPTURE.

- A. **Isaiah 53:9** tells us he would be buried in a rich man’s tomb.
 - ⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.
- B. Paul includes it in his summary of the gospel--
 - I Cor. 15:1-4.** ¹ Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.
 - ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.
 - ³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
 - ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,
- C. All four gospels record his burial too.

Matthew 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42.

Matthew 27:57-61 ⁵⁷ As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus’ body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. ⁵⁹ Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰ and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. ⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

II. SECOND, JESUS’ BURIAL IS ALSO IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF WHAT IT REVEALS.

- A. First, its proof of Jesus’ death. Only dead people are buried.
- B. Second, it reminds us of the cost of our salvation—Jesus life.
- C. Third, it reminds us that death is not the end.
- D. Fourth, it reminds us we shouldn’t be afraid of death.
- E. Fifth, it illustrates the complete removal of our sins—dead and buried!

CONCLUSION

- A. This is why the Apostle’s Creed includes a word about Jesus’ burial.
- B. This is also we should remember it too.
- C. The only song I can think of that mentions Jesus’ burial is “One Day”

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