



## “A Borrowed Tomb”

Sunday, December 17, 2023 | Text: Matthew 27:57-66

Parallel Passages: Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42

### 1. A courageous request (vs. 57-58).

*[57] When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. [58] He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him.*

### 2. A significant burial (vs. 59-61).

*[59] And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud [60] and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. [61] Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.*

#### Isaiah 53:9

*And they made his grave with the wicked  
and with a rich man in his death,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.*

#### Heidelberg Catechism: Q. 41. Why was he also "buried"?

A. Thereby to prove that he was really dead.  
(Isaiah 53:9; Matt.27:59,60; Luke 23:52,53; John 19:38-42; Acts 13:29; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

### 3. An ironic security (vs. 62-66).

*[62] The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate [63] and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ [64] Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.” [65] Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.” [66] So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.*

If you were to share a key insight from today’s sermon with a friend, what would you say in a sentence or two?

**Discussion Questions:** Who was Joseph of Arimathea? Why was it courageous for Joseph to ask for the body of Jesus? Why is it significant that Jesus was buried? How does Matthew point out the hypocrisy of the chief priests and Pharisees? How is unrelenting unbelief irrational insanity? What attempts were made to secure the tomb of Jesus? How are these security measures ironic? What does Jesus borrowed tomb mean for believers who die?

#### Next Sunday’s Sermon: Matthew 28:1-15

Text your questions, comments, prayer requests:  
(619) 797-6878

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 390698 San Diego, CA 92149  
☎ (619) 881-0100 ✉ hello@providencechurchsd.org  
providencechurchsd.org 🌐 @providencechurchsd



Scan me