

The Burial of Jesus—[Mark 15:42–47](#)

Topics:

Body, Courage, Humanness, Kingdom of God/Heaven, Love, Respect, Risk, Status

Open It

1. How might you comfort a person grieving over the death of a loved one?
2. What is most comforting to you when you are feeling upset?
3. *Who is the most courageous person you know?

Explore It

1. When did the events described in this passage take place? ([15:42](#))
2. *Who was Joseph? ([15:43](#))
3. What kind of person took it upon himself to bury Jesus' body? ([15:43](#))
4. What was significant about the fact that Joseph asked for Jesus' body? ([15:43](#))
5. What kind of man was Joseph of Arimathea? ([15:43](#))
6. What was courageous about what Joseph did? ([15:43](#))
7. *What risks did Joseph take in approaching Pilate? ([15:43](#))

8. *What do Joseph's actions tell us about his own understanding of Jesus? ([15:43–46](#))
9. What took Pilate by surprise? ([15:44](#))
10. How did Pilate respond to Joseph's request? ([15:45](#))
11. What did Joseph do to Jesus' body? ([15:46](#))
12. Who witnessed Jesus' burial? ([15:47](#))

Get It

1. Why do you think Pilate was surprised to hear that Jesus had died?
2. Why do you think Mark mentioned that two women saw where Jesus was buried?
3. What was exemplary about Joseph?
4. What was courageous about what Joseph did?
5. *What did Joseph risk in burying Jesus' body?
6. What do you risk in being a follower of Christ?
7. *In what situations might doing the right thing require courage?
8. How did Joseph's position and status conflict with his actions?

9. In what way does being a Christian go against what people expect of you?

10. How can we follow Joseph's example?

Apply It

1. *What step of courage can you take in serving God this week?

2. What person or reminder can help you draw courage to do what God wants?