

Gospel of John
[The Burial (John 19:31-42)]

I. The Piercing of Jesus' Side (19:31-37)

-It was Friday, the preparation day (the day before the Sabbath) (19:14, 31, 42).

-The bodies of those who were crucified weren't left on the cross on the Sabbath (Deut. 21:22, 23).

-John is the witness whose testimony is true (19:35; 21:20, 24).

-Jesus really did come in the flesh (1:14; 1 John 4:2).

-v. 36: Jesus is the antitype of Passover (Ex. 12:46; Num. 9:12) and David, the Righteous Sufferer (Ps. 34:20).

-v. 37: Jesus is the only Son, the Firstborn who is pierced (Zech. 12:10).

-Jesus is the promised Messiah who was pierced through for our transgressions (Is. 53:5).

II. The Interment of Jesus' Body (19:38-42)

-Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus were secret disciples up until this time (3:1, 2; 7:51; 12:42; 19:38).

Practical Lessons

1) The passage demands faith in Christ (1 John 1:1-3).

2) The passage encourages love for Christ (Matt. 10:33; Luke 9:26).