

The Importance of “The Burial”

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

The death, burial and resurrection, along with the ascension of Christ find their way into the earliest creeds of Christianity.

I. His Death -- John 19:28-33

A. It is Finished 28- 30

Pink gives 7 accomplishments in the death of Christ in his book The Seven Sayings of the Savior on the Cross.

1. Here we see the accomplished fulfillment of all the prophecies which had been written of him before he should die.
2. Here we see the completion of his suffering.
3. Here we see the goal of the incarnation is reached.
4. Here we see the accomplishment of the atonement.
5. Here we see the end of our sins.
All of the sins of all believers were laid upon Him.
6. Here we see the fulfillment of the law’s requirements.
He kept the law.
He suffered its penalty.
He endured its curse.
Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us. Gal. 3:13
7. Here we see the destruction of Satan’s power.
We have to see it by faith – but in reality – it was the hour of Satan’s ultimate defeat.

B. The Hypocrisy of Man 31-33

They were fastidious in keeping the law.
According to the Law of Moses (Deut. 21:23) a dead body could not remain hanging on a tree all night.

C. The Cruelty of Man

D. The Contrast of the Two Thieves

Both thieves had their legs broken.

One thief was repentant:

- 1) He was still alive after Jesus had died.
- 2) The words of Christ to him were fulfilled, “**today**, thou shalt be with me in paradise.”
- 3) Salvation does not exempt us from suffering.

The Unrepentant thief went to the place of torment.

II. His Burial 19:38-42

A. Secret Disciples Boldly Come Forward 19:38-39a

Both Nicodemus and Joseph of Armithea were important religious leaders in the Jewish community

700 years previously – God had prophesied about the burial of Messiah.

Isa. 53:9

*They made His grave with the wicked
but with the rich at his death*

B. The Difficult Task 39b- 42

The two men had to hurry, for law they couldn’t handle a dead body on the Sabbath day.

The women took note of the small cave carved out of the rock.

III. His Burial Foreshadowed -- John 12:1-8

Matt. 26:12-13

¹²For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did *it* for My burial.

¹³Assuredly, I say to you, **wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world,** what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.”

Application: