

WE WISH TO SEE JESUS ... and HIS BURIAL

A. The SUPERNATURAL RESULTS After the CRUCIFIXION of Jesus Christ. (Matt. 27:51-56)

1. A supernatural _____ of the Temple veil in the Holiest of Holies. (27:51a) What is significant about the timing and direction of this?
2. A supernatural _____ occurred which resulted in the rocks being split. (27:51b) What did this signify?
3. A supernatural, though temporary, _____ happened which resulted in many bodies of the saints being raised. (27:52-53) What did this signify?
 - What were the responses to the crucifixion by those nearby?

B. The SPIRITUAL JOURNEY Involving the SOUL / SPIRIT of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 3:18-20)

1. The death of Christ involved a _____, _____ suffering for _____ that was accomplished on the cross in order to _____ sinners to God. (3:18a)
2. The death of Christ involved Him having been put to death _____ but then being made alive _____. (3:18b)
 - What did Jesus's soul / spirit do after His physical death and bodily resurrection?
 - 1) Jesus went and _____ to the select demons in _____. (3:19-20; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 1:6) What did He preach?
 - 2) Jesus went to the _____ side of _____ (Acts 2:27, 31) to those who were redeemed in the past by God's grace. (Luke 23:43; 16:20-31) What was the purpose of this?
 - What did Jesus not do during this time as some falsely teach?
 - 1) Jesus did not _____ in Hades since on the cross He had already cried "It is finished".
 - 2) Jesus did not give the lost a _____ for salvation. (Heb.9:27-28)

C. The SOVEREIGN REALITIES Surrounding the BURIAL of Jesus Christ. (John 19:31-42)

1. The sovereign plan of God was demonstrated in the _____ of Jesus Christ's death. (Gal.4:4-5) What did this involve?
2. The sovereign plan of God was demonstrated by the _____ of Jesus Christ's death. (John 19:31-35) What did the soldiers do to provide irrefutable proof that Jesus was truly dead?
 - What is this first hand witness by John designed to do to others?

3. The sovereign plan of God was demonstrated by the _____ regarding Christ's death. (John 19: 36-37)

- What OT verses were fulfilled by this aspect of His death and what do they teach us?
- How should this cause you to respond?

4. The sovereign plan of God was demonstrated by the _____ of _____ of Arimathea and _____ in Christ's burial. (John 19:38-42)

- What do we know about Joseph of Arimathea and how does he fit into God's sovereign plan?
- What do we know about Nicodemus and how does he fit into God's sovereign plan?
- What is significant about the weight of the myrrh and aloes, and what was involved in preparing Jesus' body for burial?
- What just "happened" to be available for Jesus' burial & what OT Scripture did this fulfill?
- What was rolled against the door of the tomb to secure it? (Matthew 27:60)

5. The sovereign plan of God was demonstrated by the _____ of the _____ and the setting of the _____ at the tomb where Jesus' body laid. (Matthew 27:62-66)

- What is ironic about the Jewish leaders' remembering Jesus' prediction of His own resurrection?
- What did the Jewish leaders fear that the disciples would do?
- What did these Jewish leaders do to further secure the tomb?
- What does all of this mean to you and me?