

INTRODUCTION:

1. JOSEPH OF ARIMATHAEA BEGGED PILATE FOR JESUS' BODY (27:57-58).

a. What is the context of this scene?

b. Who was Joseph of Arimathaea?

c. Joseph pleaded for Jesus' body and Pilate yielded to his request (27:57-58).

2. JOSEPH TOOK JESUS' BODY AND LAID IT IN HIS OWN NEW TOMB (27:59-60).

3. FAITHFUL WOMEN WATCHED THE PLACE THAT JESUS WAS LAID (27:61).

4. APPLICATIONS:

(1) We as Christ's disciples must learn and live in the fact that what sometimes looks like failure can be used for great good in God's sovereign hands.

(2) We as Christ's disciples must learn and live in the fact that Jesus often has disciples in the most unlikely places—even in the camp of our enemies.

(3) We as Christ's disciples must learn and live in the fact that following Christ is risky and sometimes fraught with danger.

(4) We as Christ's disciples must learn to rest entirely upon the truth and authority of God's infallible and prophetic Word.

(5) To unbelievers, I make this application: on the cross of Calvary, a fountain for sin and uncleanness was opened—flee to it!

CONCLUSION: