

# Dead and Buried

Luke 23:50-56

Luke: A Gospel for the Christian's Certainty

# I. Gospel Content: The Burial of Jesus!

"50 Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, 51 who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. 52 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. 53 Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid."

Luke 23:50-53

The necessity of the Burial of  
Jesus?

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Question 40 - Why was it necessary for Christ to humble himself even “unto death”?

Because with respect to the justice and truth of God, satisfaction for our sins could be made no otherwise, than by the death of the Son of God.

Question 41 - Why was he also “buried”?

Thereby to prove that he was really dead.

Heidelberg Catechism

“for if Jesus did not die, he has made no atonement for sin. If he died not, then he rose not; and if he rose not, then your faith is vain, ye are yet in your sins.”

Spurgeon "A Royal Funeral"

1. The death and burial of Jesus is proof of his incarnation.

2. The death and burial of Jesus is payment for our atonement.

“For ever let us bless God that our great Redeemer’s death is a fact beyond all dispute. The centurion who stood by the cross, the friends who took out the nails, and laid the body in the grave, the women who stood by and beheld, the priests who sealed up the grave, the soldiers who guarded the sepulcher, all, all are witnesses that Jesus actually was dead.”

“The great sacrifice was really offered. The life of the Lamb was actually taken away. The penalty due to sin, has actually been discharged by our Divine Substitute. Sinners believing in Jesus may hope and not be afraid. In themselves they are guilty. But Christ hath died for the ungodly; and their debt is now completely paid.”

J C Ryle

3. The death and burial of Jesus are a prerequisite for the resurrection.

## II. Gospel Implications: The Burial of Jesus!