

# Joseph of Arimathea



“Now behold, there was a man named Joseph, a council member, a good and just man.

He had not consented to their decision and deed. He was from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who himself was also waiting for the kingdom of God.

This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a tomb that was hewn out of the rock, where no one had ever lain before.”

Luke 23:50-53

## Who Was Joseph of Arimathea?

A rich man \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 27:57)

A disciple of Christ “secretly for fear of the Jews”— (John 19:38)

Was waiting for the kingdom of God \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 27:57)

A counselor \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 23:50)

A good man \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 23:50)

A just man \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 23:50)

Did not vote for Jesus’ death when the Sanhedrin voted

\_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 23:51)

Boldly begged Pilate to let him have Jesus’ body (Mark 15:43)

Took Jesus’ body down from the cross and wrapped it in linen

\_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 23:53)

Buried Jesus in a new sepulchre that had never been used

\_\_\_\_\_ (John 19:41)

Joseph’s faith and courage came through

- Demonstrated courage in going to Pilate
- Risked disfavor and discipline from the Sanhedrin
- Demonstrated affection and care in providing his own tomb for Jesus
- By touching the corpse of Jesus, Joseph would be considered defiled for seven days, thus eliminating himself from being able to take part in the Jewish religious proceedings