

The Burial of Christ

John 19:31-42

THE BURIAL OF CHRIST IS ONE OF THE THREE CARDINAL FACTS OF THE GOSPEL.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

- 1 - **Death**
- 2 - **Burial**
- 3 - **Resurrection**

It receives very little attention from many.

▶ **PRELUDE TO THE BURIAL** - John 9:31-37

- Immediate action was needed, John 19:31
- Had to be done before the Jews holy day.
- They were positive He was dead. John 19:32-37
- No bone in His body had been broken thus enabling Him to be the Passover lamb. Exodus 12:46; Psalm 34:20
- His side was pierced. John 19:34
- John was a competent eyewitness. John 19:35
- Scripture was fulfilled. John 19:36-37

▶ **PREPARATION FOR BURIAL** - John 19:38-40

- Joseph of Arimathaea obtained the body from the Romans.
- The body was prepared according to the custom of the Jews.

▶ **PLACE OF BURIAL** - John 19:40-41

- Physical description.
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 - Hewn out of rock.
 - The opening was low. John 20:5



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- Hewn out of rock.
- The opening was low. John 20:5
- It was a **NEW** tomb. John 19:41
 - No one had been buried in it before.
- It was a **BORROWED** tomb.
 - Joseph of Arimathaea provided his own tomb for the Lord's burial.
- It **IS STILL AN EMPTY** tomb.
 - Not so much as to let Jesus out, but to let the world in to see the evidence that Jesus is alive and risen.