

Chapter 9: *The Death of Jesus*

After all that He experienced and went through, Jesus dies. But it was no ordinary death.

And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!" (Matthew 27:50-54)

When Jesus realized the work was done, He gave up His spirit saying "**Father, into your hands I commit my spirit**"(Luke 23:46), and "**It is finished**"(John 19:30).

After Jesus' death was confirmed, He was taken from the cross and carried to the tomb.

It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath).

So as evening approached, Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

Jesus was their Messiah. They had witnessed His miracles, and heard Him speak about the Kingdom. Everything they believed and hoped for was now uncertain. They were to bury their Master in a sealed tomb.

*When you're ready,
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