



SATURDAY

Trail to Victory Episode 7 of 8

TODAY'S SUMMARY: AT THE REQUEST OF THE JEWISH LEADERSHIP, PILATE GRANTS A GUARD AND SETS A SEAL ON THE TOMB OF JESUS

THE BURIAL OF JESUS' BODY

As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

The next day, (Saturday), the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. "Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first."

"Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how." So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

Matthew 27:57-66

JESUS' TOMB

1. THE STONE

2. THE ROMAN SEAL

WHO INSPECTED OR CONFIRMED THE BODY?

- JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA
- NICODEMUS
- MARY MAGDALENE AND MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS
- ROME'S OFFICIAL OFFICER
- THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND ELDERS
- ROMAN GUARDS
- ROME'S OFFICIAL OFFICER A SECOND TIME

3. THE GUARD

WHERE DID JESUS GO WHEN HE GAVE UP HIS SPIRIT?

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

1 Peter 3:18-22

AFTER BEING MADE ALIVE, HE WENT AND MADE PROCLAMATION TO THE IMPRISONED SPIRITS... 1 PETER 3:19

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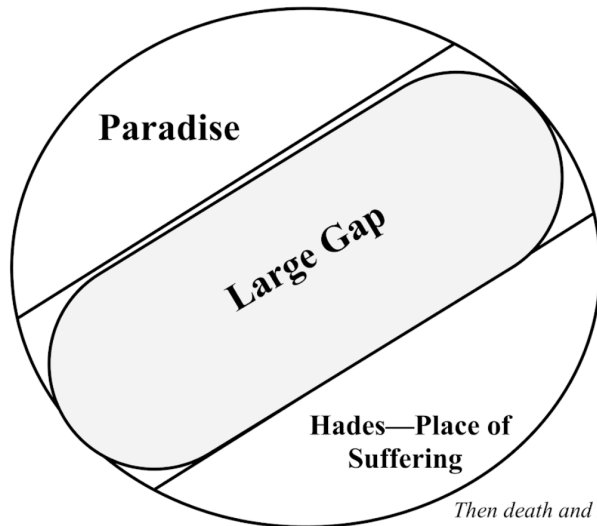
THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. Luke 16:19

At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. Luke 16:20-21

The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' Luke 16:22-24

SHEOL (Hebrew)—The Place of the Dead



Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. Rev 20:14

“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, (he is saying you’ve had your fill and did not store up treasures in heaven, you had your fun and now it is too late.) while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’ Luke 16:25-26

“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ Luke 16:27-28

“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’ “No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ Luke 16:29-30

“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’” Luke 16:31

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