

# *Holy Saturday or Silent Saturday*



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# Jesus Laid In A Borrowed Tomb

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**A**s the sun began to set on Good Friday, it was customary not to let the body remain on the cross, being that it was the times of preparation. This is where the lamb was prepared for the passover feast. Therefore, they would bury the dead before the sabbath.

*When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: 58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. 59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. 61 And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre. (Matthew-27:57-61)*



# Guards Set To Watch Over The Tomb

*the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first. 65 Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. 66 So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch. (Matthew-27:62-66)*



*“Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, 63 Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. 64 Command therefore that*





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# The Calm Before The Storm

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*And now the wait begins as the disciples return to their homes in despair, that their master has been crucified. Discouragement has begun to set in of rather or not the words he spoke to them, would stand to be true.*

*“The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again” (Mark-8:31)*

*While the disciples are waiting in fear. The high priest are nervously waiting, hoping and*



*praying that his teaching would not come true. Praying that the grave is sealed and the Roman authorities are guarding the tomb to prevent any chance of a conspiracy from taking place.*

*63 Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. 64 Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by*

*night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.*

*(Matthew-27:63-64)*

# A Saturday Visit In Hells Prison

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*Though there is silence above the Earth. Beneath the earth while Jesus body lies in the grave. His passion for those that may have disobeyed his message of salvation and are resting in sheol (The abode of the dead or of departed spirits) the grave. Jesus in his divine grace pays them a visit.*

*18. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, 19 by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, 20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. (1 Peter-3:18-20)*

*Let us not forget that, “He that ascended”— what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) Ephesians-4:9-10)*

*Is there a limitation in his ability to visit hell if there is a true gulf that is fixed in place to prevent the righteous from visiting the unrighteous in hell.*

*(Luke-16:26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence)*

*Listen to David’s description of his ability to be Omni-Present;*

*7. “Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? 8 If I ascend into heaven, You are there; **If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.** 9 If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10 Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me. If I say, “Surely the darkness shall fall on me, Even the night shall be light about me; 12 Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You. (Psalms-139:7-12)*

# Stirring Up Controversy On A Silent Saturday

*Praise the Lord JITA.*

Many interpreters have taken Peter to be saying that, either between Jesus's death and resurrection or after it, Jesus undertook a preaching campaign in Hell

Who are said to be the objects of Jesus's preaching? "***The spirits in prison***" who "***formerly did not obey.***" But who are these "spirits"? According to some, they're the souls of Old Testament believers, whom Jesus liberated from captivity and brought with him to heaven after his Resurrection.

*"And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, 53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. (Matthew-27:52-53)*

Others have taken these "spirits" to be condemned souls who rejected Noah's preaching earlier. For such individuals, Jesus is confirming their condemnation by proclaiming his victory over them and all his enemies in his



death and resurrection. (Some interpreters have stated that Jesus is offering a postmortem opportunity for faith and repentance to these "spirits in prison.")

*It was also Peter who stated that, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter-3:9*

*Though it may not be as clear as we desire it to be. Something is going on beneath the earth on Saturday before Easter.*

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*A further problem with such interpretations stems from Peter's description of these "spirits" as those who "formerly did not obey . . . in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared" (v. 20).*

*Why would Jesus liberate only some Old Testament saints from captivity? (And why would Peter describe Old Testament saints in this fashion?) Or, why would Jesus proclaim condemnation to only a single generation of souls in hell, and not others?*

*Each of these interpretations also carries its own liabilities. There is no clear testimony in Scripture that Old Testament believers, at their deaths, were confined to limbus patrum ("the limbo of the fathers") until such time as Christ released them at his resurrection*

***No matter what interpretation we choose to believe, it's more important that we choose to believe***



*What Jesus did at Calvary created the opportunity for all mankind to have eternal life in him. However, it is only extended unto those that believe.*

*"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God (John-3:18)*

*Why debate scriptures to simply try to prove you're right. When you can embrace the scriptures and let him prove you righteous.*

*READ (1 Peter-2:24)*