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READ

Take some time in advance to read and consider the Bible study questions and come up with personal examples to encourage discussion.

WATCH

Make sure everyone can see the screen and the audio is at a comfortable level.

DISCUSS

We hope those who participate in the study walk away knowing, feeling, and doing differently as a result of amazing discussion.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF JESUS' BURIAL

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Bury the hatchet is an American English idiom meaning "to make peace". It alludes to the figurative or literal practice of putting away weapons at the end of hostilities among or by Native Americans in the Eastern United States.

Name a time in your life you've had to "bury" the hatchet.

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INTRODUCTION

What are some key points that stuck out to you in the video?

READ

READ 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Why do you think the burial of Jesus is so important to the Christian faith?

The burial of Jesus ensures that the resurrection took place (Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus had 1st hand knowledge). Second, (this is from video) His suffering and humiliation were bound to the fact that He was under the power of death from crucifixion to resurrection.

Herman Bavinck who was a biblical scholar says, "The state of death in which Christ entered when he died was as essentially a part of his humiliation as his spiritual suffering on the cross. In both together he completed his perfect obedience". What does that mean for you?

It means that we can take great comfort knowing that Jesus experienced the entire spectrum of human suffering...even going to the grave...that he fully bore the wages of sin. In other words, Jesus knows and feels your pain.

READ Isaiah 53:1-9

READ Luke 23:50-53

The passage in Isaiah was written some 500-600 years before Jesus was born. In light of this, what importance does Luke 23:50-53 play?

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The passage in Isaiah is a foretelling of the coming Messiah...written some 500-600 years before the birth and death of Jesus. In particular, verse 9 is a reference to Luke 23...Joseph of Arimathea was the rich man who provided the tomb for Jesus...thus fulfilling prophecy.

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READ Matthew 12:38-40

What sticks out to you in this passage?

In this passage, Jesus predicts that like Jonah spent 3 days and 3 nights in the big fish, He would spend 3 days and 3 nights in the heart of the earth.

If Jesus had not been buried, if Jesus had not spent 3 days in tomb what would that mean for our faith?

First, it would not have fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah meaning we would be still be waiting on the Messiah. Secondly, it would mean that Jesus was a liar...that his prediction in Matthew was false...

Pastor Deron said, "In burial there is hope. There is a significance to it." What do you think he meant by that statement?

Jesus' burial is the preamble to the resurrection. It gives us confidence that Jesus is who He says He is. It reminds us all that death is not final!

Who are some people you look forward to reuniting with in heaven?



