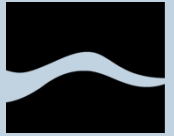


SERMON NOTES

TELL ME ABOUT HIS BURIAL

Mark 15:40-47



BIG IDEA: Jesus' burial confirms the reality of his death and prepares us for the testimony of his resurrection.

APPLICATION GUIDE

OCTOBER 4, 2026

DISCUSS

What is something ordinary or routine that you do now that you didn't realize would become important when you first started doing it?

Sometimes seemingly ordinary actions become much more significant than we realize. In this passage, the women simply remained near Jesus and watched, while Joseph stepped forward to care for his body. God used both as part of the testimony to Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection.

EXPLORE

What details in vv. 40–47 establish that Jesus really died and was actually buried? Why do you think Mark includes so many specific people, actions, and observations?

What do vv. 40–41 tell us about the women and their relationship with Jesus? What is significant about their presence at the cross when so many others had left?

What do we learn about Joseph from vv. 42–46? Why would asking Pilate for Jesus' body have required courage, and how does Joseph demonstrate his devotion to Jesus?

APPLY

Where might God be calling you simply to remain faithful—to keep following, serving, believing, or showing up—even when it doesn't seem particularly significant?

Where do you need courage right now to identify yourself publicly with Jesus or allow your allegiance to him to shape what you say or do?

How does the eyewitness testimony surrounding Jesus' death and burial strengthen your confidence in the historical reality of the gospel—and how should that confidence affect the way you live and speak about Christ?

COMMIT

Because Jesus really died and was buried, will you trust him enough this week to remain faithful in the ordinary and courageously identify with him when it costs you something?