

# EASTER SUNDAY 2021

## Step Out of the Shadows

John 19:38-42 (NIV)

“Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate’s permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus’ body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.”

Joseph of Arimathea

- Wealthy man
- Influential man
- Righteous man

Nicodemus

- A man who loved God
- A man of influence
- A man of wealth

“The cloth that had covered Jesus’ head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings.”

1 Corinthians 15:6 (NLT)

“He was seen by more than 500 of His followers at one time.”