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What do you think was the motivation for Josephs decision to make a stand?

To make a stand for Jesus you have to ask yourself a question, “Have I done all I can do.”

It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour, because the sun was obscured; and the veil of the temple was torn in two. Luke 23:44-45

And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.” Having said this, He breathed His last. Luke 23:46

Now when the centurion saw what had happened, he began praising God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent.” Luke 23:47

And all the crowds who came together for this spectacle, when they observed what had happened, began to return, beating their breasts. Luke 23:48

And all His acquaintances and the women who accompanied Him from Galilee were standing at a distance, seeing these things. Luke 23:49

And a man named Joseph, who was a member of the Council, a good and righteous man (he had not consented to their plan and action), a man from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who was waiting for the kingdom of God. Luke 23:50–51

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When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. Matthew 27:57–58

Have you done all you can do for Jesus?

To make a stand for Jesus you must find the courage to pick a side.

After these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but a secret one for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate granted permission. So he came and took away His body. John 19:38

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How do you keep from having regrets in regards to your faith?

Spend your resources on things that matter.

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Make the most of the opportunities you are given.

And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Isaiah 53:9

Surround yourself with those who are not afraid to make a stand.

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