



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of June 2, 2024

Sermon Text: Luke 23:50-56

50 Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, 51 who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. 52 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. 53 Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. 54 It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. 55 The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. 56 Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

Discussion Questions

1. When have you felt most discouraged in your walk with the Lord? What causes us to become discouraged and what are the negative effects of it?
2. What do you think prompted Joseph of Arimathea to “come out of hiding” at the lowest and most discouraging point for anyone who believed in Jesus? What did Joseph do to show his love for Christ and why was this such a beautiful display of faith? What should this teach us, especially when we may feel like we’re all alone in the cause for Christ?
3. John Piper said that God is always doing 10,000 things in your life and you may be aware of three of them. What do you think he meant by this? How does this help us during our times of discouragement?
4. Why do you think it was the women who followed Jesus, and not the men, who came forward to prepare Jesus’ body for burial? What does this tell you about the women’s love for and faithfulness to Jesus?
5. What do the beautiful acts of love displayed by Joseph and the women tell us about God’s sovereignty even in the midst of great discouragement? How could you use this passage to encourage someone who is discouraged?