

The Death of Jesus Christ

MATTHEW 27:45-66

MARK 15:33-47

LUKE 23:44-56

JOHN 19:28-42

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⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

⁴⁷ Some of those who stood there, when they heard *that*, said, “This Man is calling for Elijah!” ⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled *it* with sour wine and put *it* on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink.

⁴⁹ The rest said, “Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him.”

⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

⁵¹ Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,

⁵² and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; ⁵³ and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

⁵⁴ So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

⁵⁵ And many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking on from afar,

³³ Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” which is translated, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

³⁵ Some of those who stood by, when they heard *that*, said, “Look, He is calling for Elijah!” ³⁶ Then someone ran and filled a sponge full of sour wine, put *it* on a reed, and offered *it* to Him to drink, saying, “Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to take Him down.”

³⁷ And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last.

³⁸ Then the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹ So when the centurion, who stood opposite Him, saw that He cried out like this and breathed His last, he said, “Truly this Man was the Son of God!”

⁴⁰ There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome, ⁴¹ who also followed Him and ministered to Him when He was in Galilee, and many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem.

⁴⁴ Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. ⁴⁵ Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, “Father, ‘into Your hands I commit My spirit.’ ” Having said this, He breathed His last.

⁴⁷ So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, “Certainly this was a righteous Man!”

⁴⁸ And the whole crowd who came together to that sight, seeing what had been done, beat their breasts and returned. ⁴⁹ But all His acquaintances, and the women who followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

⁵⁰ Now behold, *there was* a man named Joseph, a council member, a good and just man. ⁵¹ He had not consented to their decision and deed. *He was* from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who himself was also waiting for the kingdom of God. ⁵² This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³ Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a tomb *that was* hewn out of the rock, where no one had ever lain before.

⁵⁴ That day was the Preparation, and the Sabbath drew near.

²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” ²⁷ and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, “I thirst!” ²⁹ Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put *it* on hyssop, and put *it* to His mouth. ³⁰ So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

³¹ Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that they might be taken away.* ³² Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

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⁵⁶ among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

⁵⁷ Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him. ⁵⁹ When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰ and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed. ⁶¹ And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶² On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, ⁶³ saying, "Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise.' ⁶⁴ Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead.' So the last deception will be worse than the first."

⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know how." ⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.

MARK 15:33-47 cont.

⁴² Now when evening had come, because it was the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath,

⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴ Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵ So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶ Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷ And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He was laid.

LUKE 23:44-56 cont.

⁵⁵ And the women who had come with Him from Galilee followed after, and they observed the tomb and how His body was laid. ⁵⁶ Then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment.

JOHN 19:28-42 cont.

³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. ³⁵ And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. ³⁶ For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken." ³⁷ And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."

³⁸ After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus. ³⁹ And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰ Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. ⁴¹ Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴² So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews' Preparation Day, for the tomb was nearby.

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Discussion Questions: The Death of Jesus Christ

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The Death of Jesus

Matthew 27:45-54, Mark 15:42-47, Luke 23:50-56, and John 19:38-42.

1. Darkness covers the land (Read the verses outlined in red: Matthew 27:45, Mark 15:33, and Luke 23:44). All three authors state darkness covered the land from the sixth hour until the ninth hour. **Using today's clock, what time of day were they talking about?** At that time, the Jews started their day at sunrise. This would usually be about 6:00 a.m. At the sixth hour, this would be at 12:00 noon. The ninth hour would be 3:00 p.m. The twelfth hour would be 6:00 p.m., and then a second twelve-hour clock would start from 6:00 p.m. until sunrise the next day.
2. God forsakes Jesus. (Read the verses outlined in yellow: Matthew 27:46-47, and Mark 15:34-35) **Why did Jesus say, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?" What does this mean?** Although many theologians have grappled with this saying, no human can fully understand the significance of His outcry. Most all agree on one common consensus. Jesus knew no sin. He was innocent and blameless. God cannot have sinned, nor can He have sin enter His kingdom. However, through Jesus, God had Jesus bore the responsibilities for our sins. Jesus was required to die in our place, to absorb, and endure the sin of all those who would believe in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21). It would be impossible for anyone to put into the full hammer of the wrath of God the Father who poured out all sin onto Jesus at that moment. The word "abandonment" comes up many times in man's interpretations during this moment. Abandonment is not the appropriate word. To abandon means to leave without the intention of returning. This was never God's plan. God cannot have sinned, and yet Jesus, as part of the trinity, needs to absorb the sins of mankind (past, present, and future). Jesus in His Glory temporarily separated Himself from the Trinity so Jesus as a man, but also God's son, bore the sins (past, present, and future) of mankind. God, in His perfection, cannot be in the presence of sin, therefore at that moment, He removed His presence from Jesus. Some have commented that during that moment, as Jesus cried out to God, Jesus was absorbing all the sin, while God was apart from Jesus, for Jesus to be apart, alone from God, forever how brief a moment, and to endure the transgressions of our sin, must have been in excruciating. Jesus knew the whole chapter of Psalm 22 was about Him because he says those exact words in Psalm 22:1.

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3. Jesus thirsts. (Read the verses outlined in green: Matthew 27:48-49, Mark 15:36, John 19:28-30a). As we combine these three passages together, Jesus said, "I thirst!", then immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on the reed (or hyssop), and offered it to Him to drink. **Why did they give Jesus sour wine to drink?** John mentions in 19:29, a vessel with sour wine was sitting nearby. Roman soldiers commonly drank a very low-grade light white wine. If rendered or fermented incorrectly, it would yield a bitter or acidic taste with a low 2.5 PH balance close to vinegar. Sometimes they would add myrrh or some other bitter wood. The effect is said to dull the senses. For the crucified, it would render them insensible to pains of death.
4. Jesus dies. (Read verses outlined in blue: Matthew 27:50, Mark 15:37, Luke 23:46, and John 19:30b). All four gospels describe Jesus' death similarly. Breathed His last breath, cried out in a loud voice, and gave up His spirit. **What does it mean in John 19:30, when Jesus said, "It is finished!"?** Jesus fulfilled the purpose for which He came. He finished the work for which He was required to accomplish; To establish a new covenant with humanity, to take on the responsibility of sin of believers, and to pave the way for believers to the kingdom of heaven. The work that has been prophesied by so many prophets for hundreds of years is done. Jesus fulfilled more than 324 individual prophecies that related to the Messiah. If a single man were able to fulfill just 48 prophecies, the odds would be 1 in 1, followed by 157 zeros.
5. The temple veil was torn in two. (Read the verses in purple: Matthew 27:51, Mark 15:38, and Luke 23:45) **What is the significance of the temple veil being torn in two?** Both Matthew and Mark specifically mention the veil was torn from top to bottom. There were most likely two curtains or veils. The first veil would have been in front of the holy place. The second veil would have separated the holy place from the most holy place. The construction can be found in Exodus 26:31-33. It is the second veil between the holy place and the most holy place that was torn. The most holy place within the temple was considered a type of heaven, or the closest one could come to heaven, yet still being on Earth. The tearing of the veil signifies Christ making it possible for believers to enter into Heaven. Jesus paved the way as the forerunner for His followers to enter.
6. The Roman soldiers feared Jesus. (Read the verses outlined in black: Matthew 27:54, Mark 15:39, and Luke 23:47) **Why did the Roman soldiers say this man was the Son of God?** The Roman soldiers witnessed Jesus' agonizing death. They saw the earthquake right when he died. Also, in Matthew, if the Roman soldiers are referring to "and the things that had happened," meaning Matthew 27:52-53, where the graves

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were opened during the earthquake, and the bodies of the saints were raised and went into the holy city (Jerusalem) the Roman soldiers would be afraid and conclude this must be the Son of God.

Witnesses of the Crucifixion

(Read verse outlined in gray: **Matthew 27:55-56, Mark 15:40-41, Luke 23:49, and John 19:25-27**)

7. Who were witnesses of the Crucifixion?

- (1) The disciples.
- (2) Jesus' Mother Mary.
- (3) Mary Magdalene.
- (4) Mary, the mother of James and Joses.
- (5) Salome, the mother of John and James, the Zebedee children.
- (6) A sister of Mary, mother of Jesus.
- (7) Mary, the wife of Clopas.
- (8) If you wish to go into more depth and be completely technical, you could probably include: the Roman soldiers, the two criminals, the Roman Centurion, Matthew, Luke, and John for certain. Mark may not have been present as he wrote down much of what Peter told him. Peter, The Chief Priests, and Jewish Leaders.

Jesus' Side Pierced

(John 19:31-37) Although there is no other reference than John to Jesus' side being pierced, it is significant enough to study here.

8. Roman soldiers go to break the legs of the crucified. (Read verses outlined in dark red: John 19:31-33) **Why did the Jews ask Pilate to have Jesus and the two robber's legs broken when they were being crucified?** Being executed by crucifixion was a long agonizing, and painful death. The life of the crucified could last four to eight days, depending on their strength. The Jews did not want to have the land polluted with their bodies in suspension on the Sabbath. This Sabbath was also called the Sabbath day, was a high day. The annual Sabbath would begin at sunset (6:30-7:00 p.m.), the day of the crucifixion. The Jews wanted to hasten the time, so they could remove their bodies.
9. Breaking the crucified legs hastens their death. (John 19:32) **Why would breaking the legs of the crucified hasten the time of their death?** When the legs of someone who is crucified are broken, it is much more difficult to push the diaphragm to compress air in the lungs and force the air out. The victim would have to push on the feet nailed to the cross to exhaust carbon dioxide or speak. Broken legs would mean the victim could no longer push their legs/feet to help force the diaphragm upward.

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Carbon dioxide would build up in the blood quicker, increasing carbonic acid. The victim would die from suffocation or cardiac arrest.

10. Blood and water came out. (John 19:34) **Why did blood and water come out of Jesus when the Roman soldier pierced His side?** Hanging on the cross, the weight of the body pulls down the diaphragm. The victim would have to push on the feet nailed to the cross to exhaust carbon dioxide or speak. As it becomes more difficult to breathe, this leads to a slow form of suffocation. Carbon dioxide builds up in the blood, causing an increase in carbonic acid. Blood pressure increases as the heart beats faster. Watery fluid begins to leak into the tissues. More watery fluid begins to increase around the heart and lungs. Being pierced in the side would definitely release blood. The water could come from many areas in tissues and surrounding the organs. Some believe if the spear pierced the heart, the clear pericardium fluid would leak out from the pericardial sac and look like water. Most healthy males have up to 50 ml of clear pericardium fluid surrounding the heart. Many commentators conclude the blood signifies eucharist (the Christian ceremony commemorating the Last Supper in which bread and wine are consecrated and consumed), and the water signifies baptism or sanctification.
11. "Not one of His bones shall be broken." (John 19:36) **Where is this scripture written so this prophecy may be fulfilled?** This is found in several OT prophecies: Exodus 12:46, Psalm 34:20, and Numbers 9:12.
12. "They shall look on Him whom they pierced." (John 19:37) **Where is this scripture written so this prophecy may be fulfilled?** This is found in Zechariah 12:10

The Burial of Jesus

(Matthew 27:57-61, Mark 15:42-47, Luke 23:50-56 and John 19:38-42)

13. Preparation Day. (Read verses outlined in orange: Mark 15:42, Luke 23:54, and John 19:31) Mark, Luke, and John talk about the haste of completing the burial of Jesus because it was "Preparation Day." **What is the significance of this day, and what was the Jew's activity on this day?** The observation or remembrance of the Sabbath (Saturday) was a day the Jews maintained to be a holy, non-working day. For greater detail, read the "Lord's Supper" about why the Passover is celebrated. To be able to keep the Sabbath properly, adequate preparation is required to avoid working on the day of the Sabbath. Hence, the day before the Sabbath (before Friday sundown) is known as "Preparation Day." This means all work-related activities need to be completed on Friday. Necessary preparations including purchasing goods to last through Saturday, all money transactions completed in advance, preparing special

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meals in advance, cleaning, arranging schedules for prayer time, a cleaning ritual in a bath, followed by prayer. Most Jews observed all “work-related” actions and duties that needed to be completed on the Preparation Day before the Sabbath. In some cases, the interpretation was extreme. Jesus provides an action of “healing” on the Sabbath. The Pharisees considered this “work” on the Sabbath. However, Jesus demonstrates this as an act of “good” on the Sabbath. Read Matthew 12:9-13 and Mark 3:1-6.

14. Joseph of Arimathea Revealed. (Read the verses outlined in light green: Matthew 27:57-60, Mark 15:43-46, Luke 23:50-53, and John 19:38-42) All four gospels talk about Joseph of Arimathea asking Pilate for Jesus' body. Pilate agrees to give Jesus' body to Joseph. Great care is taken of His body, wrapping it in linen cloth and laying it in a new tomb carved in the rock. Matthew and John mention Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but only John mentions Joseph did it secretly.

Three Questions:

1. **Why was Joseph a disciple secretly?** He was in fear of the Jews.
2. **Why does the Lord not want us to have a secret relationship with Him?** It is implied that Joseph believed Jesus was the Messiah. In Luke 23:51, he did not consent to the decision of the other Jews to have Jesus crucified. Joseph was waiting for Jesus to build up the kingdom of God. He retained his secret belief stated in John 19:38 that Jesus would be proclaimed the Messiah. It is also stated in Mark and Luke that Joseph was a prominent council member. Being in a prominent public profession, he did not want to expose his secret love for Jesus. At times, people chose to delay their declaration they have a bond or closeness to the Lord. God called Joseph out to publicly demonstrate his love for Jesus by asking for Jesus' body, wrapping Him in linen, and placing him in a new tomb. God requires that our attachment to Him is to be made known and for us not to be ashamed of Him.
3. **What scripture does it state we are not ashamed of Him? Hint: Mark... Mark 8:38.**

The Guarding at the Tomb

(Matthew 27:62-66)

15. Only Matthew details events of the necessity to guard the tomb of Jesus. (Read verses outlined in light blue: Matthew 27:62-66) **Why did the chief priests and Pharisees ask Pilate to place Roman guards in front of the tomb of Jesus?** The chief priests and Pharisees were afraid at night; some of Jesus' disciples would take Jesus' body out of the tomb and

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pretend he rose from the dead. With an empty tomb, they could proclaim he had risen from the dead and have a wider and deeper following than before.

16. **What was the misinterpretation the chief priests and Pharisees concluded in Matthew 27:63?** The chief priests and Pharisees heard Jesus state this in the temple: John 2:19-22. They concluded if Jesus were killed, after three days, he would rise again. Or, at the very least, Jesus' disciples would steal Jesus' body from the tomb, providing the perception Jesus has risen from the dead. The correct message Jesus was getting across was in John 2:19-22. Jesus is the church. The temple is the body of Jesus. Jesus was not talking about the physical temple. Jesus was referring to His resurrection. I will rise from the dead, and my temple (body) will be rebuilt.

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The Death of Jesus Quiz

1. When Jesus died, for how long was there darkness over the land?
 - a. Three minutes
 - b. Three hours
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2. What did Jesus mean when he said, "It is finished!"?
 - a. Jesus' betrayer was finally identified as Judas of Iscariot.
 - b. Jesus knew it was time to die. So, he died on the cross.
 - c. God told Jesus why he forsook him.
 - d. Jesus fulfilled the purpose for which He came.
3. What natural disaster happened following Jesus' death?
 - a. Landslide
 - b. Earthquake
 - c. Hurricane
 - d. Wildfire
4. What was torn in the temple?
 - a. The veil was surrounding the temple.
 - b. The second veil was torn between the holy place and the most holy place.
 - c. The veil in front of the holy place
 - d. The curtain was torn, covering the ark of the convenient.
5. Why did the Jews ask Pilate to have Jesus and the two robber's legs broken?
 - a. Because the crucifixion was taking too long and breaking their legs would automatically kill them.
 - b. Because breaking the legs of those crucified would speed up the process of death.
 - c. Because their legs were not tied down, and they were kicking the Roman soldiers.
 - d. Because they were pushing their legs up on the cross, trying to get free.

6. With what was Jesus' side pierced?
 - a. Spear
 - b. Knife
 - c. Arrow
 - d. Blade
7. Why did the Jews want to bury Jesus on "Preparation Day" before the Sabbath?
 - a. Nicodemus was in town for only one day to prepare Jesus' body with strips of linen and spices.
 - b. The Jews had to embalm Jesus' body and remove the organs prior to burial.
 - c. Because the Sabbath was a non-working day, the Jews had to prepare Jesus' body on Preparation Day for burial with linen, spices, and myrrh.
 - d. The tomb was open for only one day to bury Jesus.
8. Who requested Jesus' body for burial?
 - a. Nicodemus
 - b. Pilate
 - c. Joseph of Arimathea
 - d. Mary Magdalene
9. Who owned the tomb where Jesus was buried?
 - a. Simon the Cyrenian
 - b. Mary Magdalene
 - c. Joseph of Arimathea
 - d. John the Baptist
10. Why did the chief priests and Pharisees ask Pilate to place guards in front of the tomb of Jesus?
 - a. They were afraid the disciples would take Jesus' body and pretend He rose from the dead.
 - b. They were afraid Jesus would not stay dead, and the guards could kill Him if He tried to get out of the tomb.
 - c. They just saw saints came out of their graves after the earthquake, and they were afraid Jesus would raise his army of zombies.
 - d. They were afraid one of the disciples would try to resurrect Jesus from the dead.

The Death of Jesus Answers

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 - b. The second veil was torn between the holy place and the most holy place.**
 - c. The veil in front of the holy place
 - d. The curtain was torn, covering the ark of the convenient.
5. Why did the Jews ask Pilate to have Jesus and the two robber's legs broken? **John 19:31**
 - a. Because the crucifixion was taking too long and breaking their legs would automatically kill them.
 - b. Because breaking the legs of those crucified would speed up the process of death.**
 - c. Because their legs were not tied down, and they were kicking the Roman soldiers.
 - d. Because they were pushing their legs up on the cross, trying to get free.

6. With what was Jesus' side pierced? **John 19:34**
- a. Spear
 - b. Knife
 - c. Arrow
 - d. Blade
7. Why did the Jews want to bury Jesus on "Preparation Day" before the Sabbath? **John 19:31**
- a. Nicodemus was in town for only one day to prepare Jesus' body with strips of linen and spices.
 - b. The Jews had to embalm Jesus' body and remove the organs prior to burial.
 - c. Because the Sabbath was a non-working day, the Jews had to prepare Jesus' body on Preparation Day for burial with linen, spices, and myrrh.
 - d. The tomb was open for only one day to bury Jesus.
8. Who requested Jesus' body for burial? **Matthew 27:57-58 Mark 15:43 Luke 23:50-52 John 19:38**
- a. Nicodemus
 - b. Pilate
 - c. Joseph of Arimathea
 - d. Mary Magdalene
9. Who owned the tomb where Jesus was buried? **Matthew 27:59-60**
- a. Simon the Cyrenian
 - b. Mary Magdalene
 - c. Joseph of Arimathea
 - d. John the Baptist
10. Why did the chief priests and Pharisees ask Pilate to place guards in front of the tomb of Jesus? **Matthew 27:62:66**
- a. They were afraid the disciples would take Jesus' body and pretend He rose from the dead.
 - b. They were afraid Jesus would not stay dead, and the guards could kill Him if He tried to get out of the tomb.
 - c. They just saw saints came out of their graves after the earthquake, and they were afraid Jesus would raise his army of zombies.
 - d. They were afraid one of the disciples would try to resurrect Jesus from the dead.