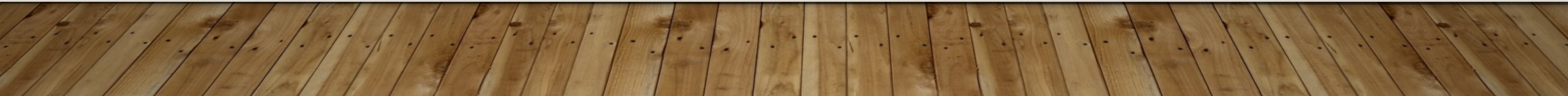




JESUS' CONQUERING POWER OVER DEATH

JOHN 19:38-39



WHAT IS DEATH?

- Death: the event of dying or departure from life
- To human: death means losing life and power.
 - ✓ Death mostly presented as tragedy and sadness
- Death penalty is the ultimate punishment and the biggest fear for human beings.

AMAZING THING HAPPENED AT JESUS' DEATH

At the death of Jesus, 2 secret believers of Jesus stood out to bury Jesus publicly. **Who gave them courage?**

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- John 19:39 Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight.

SECRETE BELIEVERS OF JESUS: IMAGE OF MANY OF US

Joseph of Arimathea:

- Mat15:43 A respected member of the council, looking for the kingdom of God
- Mat27:57 ... a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus.
- Luk23:50 a good and righteous man
- John12:32 for fear of the Pharisees, they did not confess it
- John19:38 ... a disciple of Jesus, but **secretly for fear of the Jews**

Nicodemus, a Pharisee:

- Johh3:1 a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.
- John3:2 This man **came to Jesus by night** and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, ...”

WHO GAVE SECRETE BELIEVERS COURAGE?

- Secret believers: fear persecution when Jesus was alive
- Stand up in public to bury Jesus: do not hide when Jesus died
- What is the reason for such dramatic change?
- What motivate them to bury Jesus in public?

BASIC THINGS ABOUT DEATH

- Why we have death?
- What is the impact of death?

BASICS: WAY WE HAVE DEATH?

- Death comes into human because of sin
 - ✓ Gen2:17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for **in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.**”
 - ✓ Gen6:3 Then the LORD said, “**My Spirit shall not abide in man forever**, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years.”
 - ✓ Romans5:12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so **death spread to all men because all sinned.**

BASICS: WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF DEATH?

- Death enslaved all mankind under the law
 - ✓ 1 Cor 15:55 “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”
 - ✓ Heb 2:15 ... those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

WHAT IS OUR HOPE IN THE CASE OF DEATH?

- Is death our unavoidable ending?
 - ✓ People's view: from the first day of our birth, we are heading for death.
 - ✓ Romans 7:24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

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Conquering power of Jesus revealed through His death!

OUR HOPE: CONQUERING POWER OF JESUS OVER DEATH

- 1) Jesus' death fulfills the scripture.
- 2) Jesus' burial showed His royalty.
- 3) Jesus' death makes weak strong.
- 4) Jesus' resurrection conquers death!



I) JESUS' DEATH FULFILLS THE SCRIPTURE

John 19:30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “**It is finished,**” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

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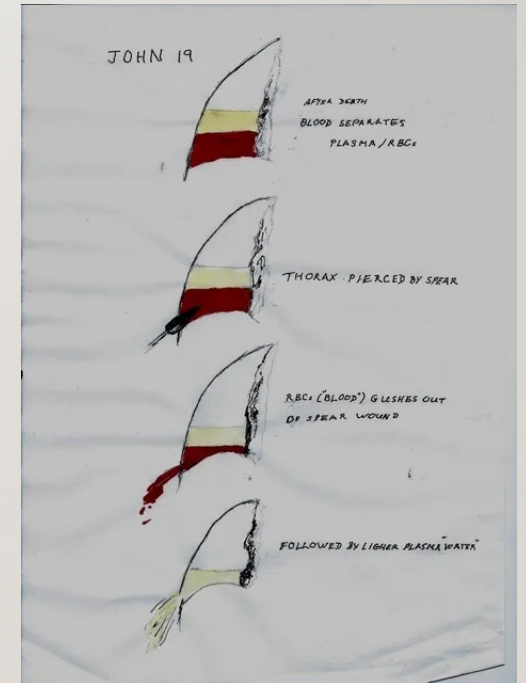
Bone not broken:

- John 19:31 Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would 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.
- John 19:32 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him.
- John 19:33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, **they did not break his legs.**
- Prophecy: Num 9:12 They shall leave none of it until the morning, **nor break any of its bones;** according to all the statute for the Passover they shall keep it.

1) JESUS' DEATH FULFILLS THE SCRIPTURE

Side pieced:

- John 19:34 But one of the soldiers **pierced his side with a spear**, and at once there came out blood and water.
- After death, blood cell and water start to separate. – Jesus indeed died
- Prophecy: Zch 12:10 “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, **on him whom they have pierced**, ...



2) JESUS' BURIAL SHOWS HIS ROYALTY

John 19:39 Nicodemus ... came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. (32.7kg, enough to cover the body entirely)

Comparison: 2Chron 16:14 They buried him (Asa king of Judah) in the tomb ... in the city of David. They laid him on a bier that had been filled with various kinds of spices prepared by the perfumer's art, and they made a very great fire in his honor.

3) JESUS' BURIAL MAKES WEAK STRONG!

Once feared the rejection by fellow Jews, stand up to bury Jesus publicly.

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4) JESUS' RESURRECTION CONQUERS DEATH!

- Mat28:6 **He is not here, for he has risen**, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.
- Mark16:6 And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek **Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen**; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.
- Luke24:34 saying, “**The Lord has risen indeed**, and has appeared to Simon!”



WHAT SHOULD BE OUR RESPONSE TO JESUS' DEATH AND RESURRECTION?

- Believe Jesus died for us to pay our ransom
- Trust the cleaning power of Jesus' blood
- Surrender to God and let Jesus be our Lord

JESUS DIED FOR US

- Romans 5:8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

THE CLEANING POWER OF JESUS' BLOOD

- Heb9:14 how much more will **the blood of Christ**, ... purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.
- Romans6:22 But now that you have been set **free from sin** and have become **slaves of God**, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, **eternal life**.

SURRENDER TO GOD AND LIVE FOR GOD

- Gal2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but **Christ who lives in me**. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



JESUS' CONQUERING POWER OVER DEATH

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Jesus died for us to pay our ransom
- Jesus' death makes weak strong
- Jesus' blood washed away all our sins and released us from death's threat

Let Christ our Lord to live inside us so that we can live a life for Him. Amen!

