

Christ Buried

The importance and application of the burial narrative

Matthew 27:55-66

I. The importance of the burial narrative

Jesus had to be buried for us to be saved

It's the second core belief of the Gospel (1 Cor 15:4)

It's linked to baptism (Rom 6:4, Col 2:12)

The burial narratives occupy significant space in all four gospels

Jesus's burial is important because it confirms that He was really dead

John 19:33-42

II. Exposition of the text

Jesus is dead by 3pm on Friday

The women watch from afar (55-56)

Two groups of people prepare for Jesus's burial

The Protagonists: Joseph of Arimathea and the Marys (57-61)

Joseph of Arimathea – a rich man (Isaiah 53:9)

A secret disciple who makes a bold move

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary know where the tomb is

The Antagonists: Religious leaders and guards (62-66)

Matthew 28:11-15

Both groups end up serving God's purpose as witnesses

Which group are you part of?

III. Application

Burial vs. Cremation

Bury your sin!

Sadness and hope in the grave