

A photograph of an open stone tomb. The tomb is carved into a rough, light-colored rock. The interior of the tomb is dark and shadowed. A yellowish, folded cloth is visible at the bottom of the tomb, partially covering the entrance. The text "Dead and Buried" is overlaid in blue, and "Mark 15:40-47" is overlaid in white below it.

Dead and Buried

Mark 15:40-47



The Burial

- ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...
(1 Corinthians 15:3-4)



The Eyewitnesses

- **³⁷ And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed His last. ³⁸ And the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹ When the centurion, who was standing right in front of Him, saw the way He breathed His last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!” ⁴⁰ There were also some women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the Less and Joses, and Salome. (Mark 15:37-40)**



The Women

- When He was in Galilee, they used to follow Him and minister to Him; and there were many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem. (Mark 15:41)



The Sabbath

- ⁴² When evening had already come, because it was the preparation day, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea came, a prominent member of the Council, who himself was waiting for the kingdom of God; and he gathered up courage and went in before Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. (Mark 15:42-43)



The Prophecy

- They intended to bury Him with criminals, but He ended up in a rich man's tomb, because He had committed no violent deeds, nor had He spoken deceitfully.
(Isaiah 53:9, NET Bible)



The Law

- ²² “If a man has committed a sin worthy of death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, ²³ his corpse shall not hang all night on the tree, but you shall surely bury him on the same day (for he who is hanged is accursed of God), so that you do not defile your land which the Lord your God gives you as an inheritance.” (Deuteronomy 21:22-23)



The Tomb

- **43 Joseph of Arimathea came, a prominent member of the Council, who himself was waiting for the kingdom of God; and he gathered up courage and went in before Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus.**
44 Pilate wondered if He was dead by this time, and summoning the centurion, he questioned him as to whether He was already dead.



The Tomb

- ⁴⁵ And ascertaining this from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶ Joseph bought a linen cloth, took Him down, wrapped Him in the linen cloth and laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses were looking on to see where He was laid. (Mark 15:43-47)



Dead and Buried

- “Forever let us bless God that our great Redeemer’s death is a fact beyond all dispute. The centurion who stood by the cross, the friends who took out the nails, and laid the body in the grave, the women who stood by and saw, the priests who sealed up the grave, the soldiers who guarded the tomb, all, all are witnesses that Jesus actually was dead...”



Dead and Buried

- **“The great sacrifice was really offered. The life of the Lamb was actually taken away. The penalty due to sin, has actually been discharged by our Divine Substitute. Sinners believing in Jesus may hope and not be afraid. In themselves they are guilty. But Christ has died for the ungodly; and their debt is now completely paid.” – J.C. Ryle**



The Burial

- **“The burial has theological significance. This point is not so obvious, but it strikes us when we study what is said about the grave in the Old Testament and about the burial of Jesus in the New Testament. Old Testament texts speak of the grave with dread...To say that Jesus not only died but was also buried in the grave means that He descended as low as He could go in order to raise us up to heaven.**



The Burial

- Herman N. Ridderbos wrote, 'Jesus endured not only pain and suffering and the curse of death but even the terror of the grave, so that he could save his people from this forever.' Yet there is more. In Romans, Paul speaks of Christians being buried with Jesus in His death, just as they are raised with Him in His resurrection.



The Burial

- He does this while discussing the Christian life, explaining why believers cannot continue in sin. For example, 'We were buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life' (Rom. 6:4). When theologians work out these parallels, they have little trouble showing how we have been crucified with Jesus, raised with Him, or even made to ascend into heaven with Him.



The Burial

- **But they have trouble with the burial. How were we buried with Christ? they ask. What does this add that is not already covered by our death to sin? I suggest that the reason burial is an important step even beyond death is that burial puts the deceased person out of this world permanently. A corpse is dead to life, but in a sense it is still in life, as long as it is around.**



The Burial

- When it is buried, when it is placed in the ground and covered with earth, it is removed from the sphere of this life permanently. It is gone. That is why Paul, who wanted to emphasize the finality of being removed from the rule of sin and death, emphasizes it. He is repeating but also intensifying what he said about our death to sin earlier. ‘You have not only died to it,’ he says. ‘You have been buried to it.’ To go back to sin once you have been joined to Christ is like digging up a dead body.” – James Montgomery Boice, *Matthew*



Are You Dead and Buried?

- **But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. (Galatians 6:14)**
- **I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. (Galatians 2:20)**



Conviction & Courage

- **“In the world it is called Tolerance, but in hell it is called Despair, the sin that believes in nothing, cares for nothing, seeks to know nothing, interferes with nothing, enjoys nothing, hates nothing, finds purpose in nothing, lives for nothing, and merely remains alive because there is nothing for which it will die.” – Dorothy Sayers**



Conviction & Courage

- **“Right is right, even if everyone is against it; and wrong is wrong, even if everyone is for it.” – William Penn**
- **“A dog barks when his master is attacked. I would be a coward if I saw God’s truth attacked and yet remained silent.”
– John Calvin**



Conviction & Courage

- ³⁴ “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me... ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”
(Mark 8:34, 38)







As viewed at Hollywood

