

Low in the Grave He Lay

Actual Jesus (Gospel of Matthew) – Part 230

Matthew 27:55-66

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⁵⁵ Now, many women were there, from far off looking on, such as followed Jesus from Galilee, serving Him;
⁵⁶ among whom was Mary the Magdalene, and Mary, James' and Joseph's mother, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.
⁵⁷ Now when it became evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, by name Joseph, who himself also was discipled to Jesus.
⁵⁸ This *man* came up to Pilate and¹ asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered *it* to be given back.
⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body and² wrapped it in a clean³ linen *sheet*,
⁶⁰ and put it in his *own* new tomb, which he had hewn in the bedrock, and after rolling a great stone to the door of the tomb, he departed.

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⁶¹ And Mary the Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting over against the burial place.
⁶² And on the next day, which is after the preparation *day*,⁴ the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered together to Pilate,
⁶³ saying, "Lord, we remember that that deceiver said, while still living, 'After three days I am to be raised.'⁵
⁶⁴ "Therefore, give orders for the burial place to be secured until the third day, lest His disciples come and⁶ steal Him and say to the people, 'He was raised from the dead!' — and the last deception will be worse than the first!"
⁶⁵ Pilate told them, "You *may* have a guard *of soldiers*. Go, secure *it* as you know *how to do*."
⁶⁶ And they went and⁷ secured the burial place, sealing the stone, with the guard of soldiers.

Pastor Phillips' ad hoc translation of the Greek text)

Introduction:

I. _____ Witnesses

A. The Women (vv. 55-56)

1. Their _____ (v. 55a)
2. Their noteworthiness:
3. Their niche (v. 55b)
4. Their _____ (v. 56)

B. The _____ (vv. 57-60)

1. What we are _____

¹ Literally *when...came up...he*

² Literally *when...took, he*

³ Or *pure*

⁴ I.e. Saturday, after Friday.

⁵ Or *rise*

⁶ Literally *having come, they*

⁷ Literally *having gone, they*

2. What we are _____

3. What we should _____: Isaiah ____:9

C. The Women (v. 61)

II. _____ Witnesses

A. The Religious _____ (vv. 62-64)

1. Their true priority (v. 62)

2. Their true _____ty (v. 63a)

3. Their true _____ty (v. 63b)

4. Their true _____ty (v. 64)

B. The _____ Leader (v. 65)

C. The Religious _____ (v. 66)

III. Vital Truths About Jesus' _____

A. Its Nature

1. It was truly _____

2. It was truly _____

B. Its _____

C. Its _____