

***“THE KING IS BURIED”***

**Mark 15:40-47**

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**I. How do we know Jesus actually died? (vv. 40-47)**

*“women looking on from a distance”*

*“followed him and ministered to him”*

*“Joseph of Arimathea ... asked for the body of Jesus”*

*“granted the corpse to Joseph”*

Many witnesses \_\_\_\_\_ to the death of Jesus.

**Deuteronomy 21:22-23**

**Isaiah 53:9**

**1 Peter 2:24**

**1 Peter 3:18**

**1 John 4:2-3**

**WLC Q. 39:** Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be man?

**Answer:** It was requisite that the Mediator be man, that he might advance our nature, perform obedience to the law, suffer and make intercession for us in our nature, have a fellow-feeling of our infirmities; that we might receive the adoption of sons, and have comfort and access with boldness unto the throne of grace.

*“We cannot pick and choose the timing of our decision to follow or reject Jesus Christ, as though the issue could be delayed. God thrusts us into circumstances which confirm once and for all time the decisions and directions of our hearts.”*

-Sinclair Ferguson

**II. Why did Jesus have to actually die? (Genesis 2:15-17; Romans 6:23)**

**Genesis 2:** *“for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”*

**Romans 6:** *“The wages of sin is death.”*

**Romans 6:** *“... but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

Jesus remained under the \_\_\_\_\_ of death as the \_\_\_\_\_ for sin.

**Genesis 2:15-17**

**Romans 6:23**

**WLC Q. 50:** Wherein consisted Christ's humiliation after his death?

**Answer:** Christ's humiliation after his death consisted in his being buried, and continuing in the state of the dead, and under the power of death till the third day; which has been otherwise expressed in these words, *He descended into hell.*

*"The temple now stood desecrated- by God himself. Jesus' death had created a new way into God's presence."* -Sinclair Ferguson

*"God's justice is the ultimate answer to the problem of evil ... It will not continue forever, and every sin and injustice will be paid for."* -Mark Strauss

**III. What does it mean for us that Jesus actually died?**

*"we were buried therefore with him in baptism"*

*"we too might walk in newness of life"*

Jesus died so we can leave free of \_\_\_\_\_ & the fear of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 6:4**

**1 Corinthians 15:54-55**

**2 Corinthians 5:8**

**Hebrews 2:14-15**

**Digging Deeper:**

1. Which of these skeptical views have you heard before? How does Mark help you address it?
2. Do you believe that Jesus actually died & remained under the power of death?
3. What are the proper elements of repentance? Have you repented of your sin? Do you still repent of your sin? Why or why not?
4. What are the benefits of Jesus having been under the power of sin? Which means the most to you?
5. How can this overcome your internal obstacles to evangelism?