

“THE BODY OF JESUS IN THE HANDS OF HIS FRIENDS”
JOHN 19:38-42

- I. THE BURIAL OF JESUS’ BODY IS CONSPICUOUS BY WHO WAS ABSENT AS WELL AS BY WHO WAS THERE (19:38-39)**
 - A. Remarkably, The Man Who First Steps Forward Is One We Have Never Met Before: One Joseph Of Arimathea (19:38)**
 - B. Remarkably The Gospels Weave Together No Less Than Seven Facts About This Man**
 - C. Remarkably An Old Friend Reemerges: Nicodemus (19:39)**

- II. THE BURIAL OF JESUS’ BODY IS CONSPICUOUS BECAUSE OF HOW THE BODY WAS OBTAINED AND PREPARED (19:40)**
 - A. Joseph Of Arimathea Had Boldly Approached Pilate**
 - 1. Roman Custom Was To Give The Body Of A Condemned Criminal To The Next Of Kin Except In The Case Of Sedition**
 - 2. Once Pilate Received Confirmation From The Executioners That Jesus Was Indeed Dead, He Granted The Body To Joseph**
 - B. Joseph And Nicodemus Worked Together To Prepare The Body Of Jesus For Burial**

- III. THE BURIAL OF JESUS’ BODY IS CONSPICUOUS BECAUSE OF THE GARDEN SEPULCHRE THAT HAD BEEN HEWN OUT OF SOLID ROCK (19:41-42)**
 - A. Never Had A Man Been Lain In This Particular Tomb (19:41)**
 - B. Both Joseph And Nicodemus Were Also, Perhaps Unwittingly, The Instruments Of God In Fulfilling Yet Another Scripture (19:42)**