# **King Jesus (Part 4): Grave-digger**

Mark 15:42-47

# Instructions

• Will you take your Bibles and turn to [Mark 15:42-47](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mk15.42-47)?

• Please search the Scriptures with us. We’re in the New Testament, which is in the last quarter of the Bible. Don’t be afraid to use your index.

• If you don’t have a Bible but have a smartphone, you can download the Y-O-U Version Bible App. Once you download it, you can go to the “More” tab, tap “Events,” and find Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, and you can see the Scripture, notes, quotes, and references.

# Context

It is the Day of Preparation, the day before the Sabbath (Friday; Good Friday). Three hours remain between Jesus’ death and sunset. According to Deuteronomy 21:23, an executed criminal had to be buried before nightfall to avoid ceremonial defilement of the land. The Sabbath regulations would not allow the work involved in burying a person after sunset. Would anyone step forward to bury “King Jesus?” This was risky because Jesus had been executed for treason. One person will identify with Jesus. Every Gospel writer mentions him and tells us something about him.

# The Question

• Who will identify with Jesus?

# Bible Verse

**Mark 15:42–47 CSB**

When it was already evening, because it was the day of preparation (that is, the day before the Sabbath),

Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Sanhedrin who was himself looking forward to the kingdom of God, came and boldly went to Pilate and asked for Jesus’s body.

Pilate was surprised that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had already died.

When he found out from the centurion, he gave the corpse to Joseph.

After he bought some linen cloth, Joseph took him down and wrapped him in the linen. Then he laid him in a tomb cut out of the rock and rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb.

* **Isaiah 53:9 CSB** He was assigned a grave with the wicked, but he was with a rich man at his death, because he had done no violence and had not spoken deceitfully.

Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses were watching where he was laid.

### The Man, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ([Mark 15:42-43a](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mk15.42-43a))

**i. He was a** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **man.**

**ii. He was an** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **man.**

### 2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ([Mark 15:43b–45](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mk15.42-45))

### 3. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Joseph. ([Mark 15:46–47](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mk15.46-47))

# Take-Home Truth

### 1. Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

**Colossians 2:12 CSB**

when you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

**Romans 6:3–5 CSB**

Or are you unaware that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be in the likeness of his resurrection.

### Christian, you must have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

# Pray

“Dear Jesus, I confess I am a sinner and deserve judgment and hell, but I believe You love, came to this earth for me, lived a sinless life, and died on the Cross for my sins. I believe God raised you from the dead to forgive me. Please forgive me, come into my life, and grant me eternal life in You name. Help me to glorify you in all I do. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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Let Me Never Lose Sight of the Cross

Out of the depths of your sufferings you have shown me the curse of my sin, and even now my vision is so poor that only your physical sufferings appear to me clear, for I cannot sound the depths of your spiritual agony. You have seen and know the full penalty of my sin. Out of your love for me you did tread the winepress of sorrow alone, and your sufferings are the expressions of my sin. Let me never lose sight of the vision of the Cross, and out of your pity keep your grip upon my heart unto the end of this earthly life, and I shall walk the pilgrim’s path in safety. Amen.

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