

*The*  
**CROSS**

AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR FALLEN HUMANITY

**JOSEPH** *of* **ARIMATHEA**

FROM PASSIVITY TO MISSION

(Mark 15:42-46; Luke 23:50-51; John 19:38)





# THE CROSS SERIES:

- Nicodemus
- The Crowd
- Simon of Cyrene
- Roman Centurion
- Joseph of Arimathea
- Mary Magdalene




<sup>44</sup> Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead.

<sup>45</sup> And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph.

<sup>46</sup> And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. <sup>47</sup> Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

**MARK 15:44-46**




<sup>42</sup> And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, <sup>43</sup> **Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage** and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

**MARK 15:42-43**




# THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BURIAL OF JESUS

- Historical Narrative
- Apologetic Defense
- Prophetic Fulfillment (Isaiah 53:9)
- Discipleship Example



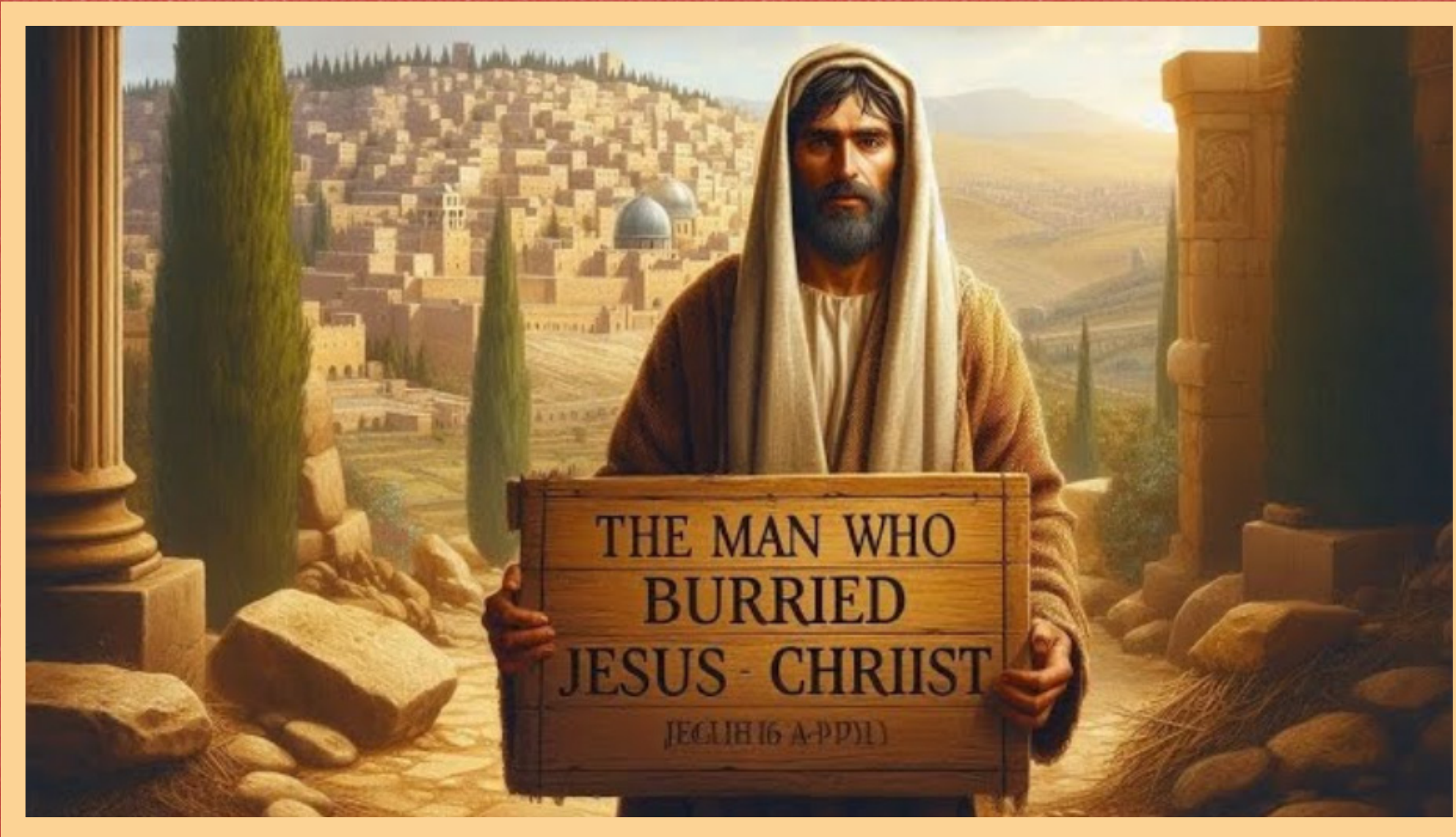
<sup>50</sup> Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, **a good and righteous man,**  
<sup>51</sup> who had not consented to their decision and action; and **he was looking for the kingdom of God.**

**LUKE 23:50-51**



<sup>38</sup> After these things Joseph of Arimathea, **who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews**, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body.

**JOHN 19:38**



# JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA







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- Respected member of the council
- Good and righteous man
- Seeking the Kingdom of God
- Secret disciple of Jesus




# FROM PASSIVITY TO MISSION

1) Fear to Courage



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  - 2) Comfort Zone to Faith Zone
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# FROM PASSIVITY TO MISSION

- 1) Fear to Courage
  - 2) Comfort Zone to Faith Zone
  - 3) Self-consciousness to Selflessness
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<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and **gave us the ministry of reconciliation:** <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> **We are therefore Christ's ambassadors,** as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-20**

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