

INTRODUCTION

- * Over the past three weeks, we have seen Jesus openly declare to the Sanhedrin (the council) that He was YHWH and their instantaneous reaction. The Jewish leaders condemned Jesus as being blasphemous and handed Him over to the Roman authorities in order to be crucified.
- * In the midst of this treachery and betrayal, we have seen the love and grace of God shine brightly ... culminating in Jesus' request for the Father to forgive those who were perpetuating this act against Him, because they did not know what they were doing.
- * Today, we come to the place where Jesus breathes His last on the cross and is buried in a nearby tomb. As Jesus breathes this final breath, the payment for our sins was made and the veil of the Temple was torn in two (from top to bottom - Mark 15:38)!
- * God gives us details in His Word in order for us to confirm the historicity of this account. How exciting it is to KNOW the validity of Christ's death, burial and resurrection!

INSTRUCTION

I. THE DEATH OF CHRIST

A. The S _____

1. THE LOCATION
2. THE TIMING
3. THE DARKNESS (cf. Romans 1:21; 11:10; Ephesians 4:18; cf. Revelation 9:2)

B. The D _____ (cf. 1 Peter 2:23)

C. The E _____ (cf. Matthew 27:50-51; Mark 15:37-38)

- * cf. Hebrews 10:1-14,19-25
- * cf. 2 Corinthians 3:12-18; 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

D. The R _____

1. THE C _____
2. THE C _____ (cf. Luke 18:13; Jeremiah 31:19; 2 Corinthians 7:9-10)

II. THE BURIAL OF CHRIST

A. The T _____ of Joseph (v. 50-53)

1. HE WAS _____
2. HE WAS _____
3. HE WAS _____
4. HE WAS _____
5. HE WAS _____
6. HE WAS _____

B. The P _____ of the Tomb (cf. Matthew 27:59-60; John 19:38-42)

C. The P _____ of the Women (cf. John 19:14; 19:31; Matthew 27:62; 28:1)

INTROSPECTION

- * What motivates your decisions? What are you waiting for? Who are you serving?
- * What affect has the death, burial and resurrection of Christ had upon your life?
- * To Whom - or what - are you entrusting your eternal future? Have you committed your spirit to the Father?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * What impact does it have in our lives, and faith, knowing "where" Christ was crucified, or where He was potentially buried?
- * What importance does archaeology have upon our faith?
- * Compare and contrast the reactions of the thief, the centurion, the crowd, Joseph, and the women.