

## 8. Jesus' Body Is Buried

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[ 0 : 00 ] Station 8. Jesus' body is buried.

Jesus is dead. Today is perhaps the darkest day in history, at least for those who love him and gave up everything to follow him. While some of Jesus' disciples had scattered and even denied him at this greatest time of need, others remain to at least give Jesus a proper burial.

In Matthew 27, we read, As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus.

Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out from the rock.

He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. Jesus' many followers had big hopes and dreams for God's kingdom to come through their teacher and master.

[ 1 : 38 ] These dreams have been completely crushed and appear to be as dead as Jesus' lifeless body. These dreams are being buried in the tomb, with a giant stone sealing them away forever.

Think about your own life. What have you been praying for? How do you want God to bring transformation and restoration in your life? Grab a piece of paper in front of you, and take a moment right now to identify and write down those hopes and prayers.

How do you want God to bring transformation and prayers?

When you're done, take those dreams and put them in the paper shredder. In one fell swoop, after an ugly sound, imagine these hopes being shredded like scrap paper.

Sometimes our prayers can seem as meaningless and hopeless as the disciples staring at the closed tomb of the Savior they've been following for the past three years.

[ 3 : 17 ] A Savior who apparently couldn't save himself. You've reached the end of the journey to the cross.

Usually the end of the cross. Usually the end of the cross. Usually the end of the journey brings some semblance of accomplishment. But this ending is a colossal disappointment, isn't it? Perhaps you weren't surprised.

After all, this was a journey to the cross. To crucifixion. But we trust you know that this isn't quite the end. In a couple days, it'll be Easter Sunday.

And we'd love for you to join us at our Easter worship service. Please take an invitation flyer on your way out. And let it be a reminder that there's always more to God's story.

It's been our honor to guide you on this little journey to the cross. We hope to see you on Sunday.

Take care. Take care. Take care. Take care.

[ 5 : 00 ] Take care. Take care. Bye.

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