

Saturday: Jesus Is Buried



Introductory Question: **What is a way that you can show love to someone?**



While Jesus was being crucified, many women were watching from a distance, including Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, who “had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs” (Matthew 27:55). Today we will continue the story in Matthew 27:55-66 and Luke 23:55-56, when three of Jesus’ followers continued to show their love for Him after the others had left.

(Incorporate your family’s or group’s answers to the Introductory Question – for example,) *just as Hannah showed love to her mother by making her a treat, and Tim showed love to his friend by visiting him at the hospital, a rich man named Joseph showed his love for Jesus by providing for Jesus’ burial.*

Continue to tell the story from **Matthew 27:55-66**, including main points such as:

- Joseph asked Pilate for Jesus’ body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph wrapped Jesus’ body in clean linen and placed it in his own new tomb (fulfilling Isaiah 53:9). He rolled a large stone in front of the entrance to the tomb.
- “The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb...Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes...” (**Luke 23:55-56**).
- The chief priest and Pharisees remembered that Jesus, whom they called “the deceiver,” had said He would rise again after three days.
- They asked Pilate to secure the tomb so that Jesus’ disciples could not steal His body and claim that He had risen from the dead. They said, “This last deception will be worse than the first” (Matt. 27:64). Pilate agreed and secured the tomb by putting a seal on the stone in front of the tomb and posting a guard.



Invite your family to spend a few minutes in Listening Prayer and Journaling: *As we’ve listened to these words from the Bible, God has been speaking to us through them. What is God telling you about: Himself, yourself, others, and what to do? You can talk to God about anything.*



When everyone begins to finish Journaling, give each person an opportunity to share what God has been speaking to them. After each person shares, pray for them.

KEY VERSE: Luke 23:55-56

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