

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
“GOING AGAINST THE CROWD”

Matthew 27:57-66

April 15, 2022

INTRO:

A. Who Is This Man?

- 1) The town of Arimathea.
- 2) Legends and The Glastonbury thorn
- 3) His riches
- 4) He died at age 86 after serving the area of Glastonbury for 42 years.

B. What Did He Become? Matthew 27:57-66

- 1) He WAS a disciple of Jesus
 - a) Secretly for fear of the Jews
 - b) He is asking apart from the council, but may represent himself as a member.
 - c) Some have written that he was a friend of Pilot. If so Pilot likely would have been more willing to grant the request.
 - d) Pilot allowed the Pharisees to crucify Jesus, but he himself wanted no part of it. Why should he care what they do with the body.
- 2) Joseph had to make an internal change; “he took courage.”
- 3) Did not consent (Luke 23:50-56)

- 4) As we know from other accounts of disciples, they don’t always rise up to defend or stand by what they believe.
- 5) Pilot is surprised that Jesus is already dead
- 6) Wrapped the body and rolled the stone.
- 7) Joseph had help in this task, as it would seem that at least the two Mary’s and Nicodemous.
- 8) See what is said of the women...
- 9) theōreō - to intensively behold, consider, look on.
- 10) This would be what day?
- 11) Whatever Joseph was trying to keep secret was not anymore when the Pharisees come to Pilot.
 - a) Your guy took the body!
 - b) Then they are all gathered at Joseph’s tomb
 - c) Looking inside they can see the care he took with the body.

C. What Can We Learn?

- 1) Don’t follow the crowd! Follow Jesus!
- 2) Don’t embrace their wisdom, follow God’s
 - a) Don’t criticize what you don’t understand
 - b) Follow God’s plan as He leads, not as you understand it. He guides our steps.
- 3) Handle Surprises
- 4) Which Joseph are you now?