



He's Alive

Mark 15:42-16:13

Mark 15:42-43 And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, 43 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.

- Jesus had been dead three hours
- Crucified at 9am
- Had convo with thieves on the cross before 12; All went dark at 12 noon
- Jesus gives up His own life at 3pm
- Joseph--Pharisee, member of the Sanhedrin.

Luke 23:50-51 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, who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. (**What are YOU looking for today?**)

Mark 15:43-46 Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. 45 And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. 46 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.

- Usually broke legs, took days for someone to die.

John 19:38 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. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy- five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

- Here, joining Joseph, is our friend Nicodemus from John 3. Defends Jesus at the end of John chapter 7. Appears he had gotten Jesus' teaching that a man must be "born again."
- Think--these 2 men had been at the brutal trial of Jesus, and had not convinced the leaders to stop. Maybe they had been quiet.
- They touched the most accursed of dead bodies. They could not eat the Jewish Passover. Disqualified from the Sanhedrin.

- **We are most likely seeing the progression, through Scripture, of the salvation of 2 men--Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea.**

Mark 15:47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

- Three ladies were there, Mary Magdalene, Jesus mom, and Salome, the mother of James and John (Matthew 27:56)

Mark 16:1-3 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3 And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?"

- Same women as 15:47. They witnessed the burial, knew exactly where the tomb was.

Mark 16:4-13 And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. 6 And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." 8 And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. 9 Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. 10 She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. 11 But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. 12 After these things he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. 13 And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

- Appears to ladies first. Not the best way to substantiate an event if you are trying to forge a lie.
- **It had been the end of a remarkable day. Nicodemus and Joseph joined the thief on the cross ([Luke 23:43](#)) and the Roman Centurion ([Mark 15:39](#)) on the rolls of the saved.**

HISTORICAL EVIDENCE OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST:

Secular history loaded w/ extra biblical evidence as to: the existence of the person Jesus, His death as ordered by Pontius Pilate, the fact that He was horribly beaten and crucified for "claiming to be the Messiah," his burial in the tomb owned by Joseph of Arimathea.

1. The tomb was well-known. Dispels the idea "maybe they went to the wrong tomb."
2. Romans/Jews clearly wanted to make sure body not stolen. Tomb heavily guarded.
3. No body has EVER been found.
4. Jesus' disciples had real experiences with one whom they believed to be the risen Christ.
5. The disciples and their "new found courage"-- As a result of the preaching of these disciples, which had the resurrection at its center, the Christian church was established and grew throughout the world.
6. The initial "reward" for the faith of the disciples would be beatings, being stoned to death, thrown to lions, torture, crucifixion and other cruel methods of suffering and death. No one would trade their life for a lie; the disciples knew the resurrection of Jesus Christ was true. They gave up their lives as the ultimate proof of their complete confidence in the truth of their message.

7. Over 500 witnesses saw the risen Christ!

1 Corinthians 15:5-8 5 and that He appeared to Cephas (*Peter*), then to the Twelve. 6 Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep (*in death*). 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

8. Resurrection changed the life of James, Jesus' half brother. Skeptical that Jesus was the Messiah. After resurrection, Jesus appeared to James (**1 Cor. 15:7**), James became a believer, goes on to lead the Jerusalem Church and end up being thrown off the top of the temple (which he survived) only to be stoned to death!

So there is historical proof. But there is also experiential. Christ in us, the hope of glory. What to do?

Romans 10:9 ...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.