



WEEK 11 HANDOUT – **The Son Buried**

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Key Verse: *So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.* – John 19:40 ESV

- **The Day of Preparation** – John 19:31-42
 - Jesus has died
 - Now it is time to bury His body
 - This is all taking place late on Friday evening
 - The two references to the “day of preparation” point to the fact that it is still Friday
 - It is the day before the Sabbath
 - Friday was “preparation” day

Exodus 31:13-16

*“Tell the people of Israel: ‘Be careful to keep my Sabbath day, for the Sabbath is a sign of the covenant between me and you from generation to generation. It is given so you may know that I am the Lord, who makes you holy. You must keep the Sabbath day, for it is a holy day for you. Anyone who desecrates it must be put to death; anyone who works on that day will be cut off from the community. **You have six days each week for your ordinary work, but the seventh day must be a Sabbath day of complete rest, a holy day dedicated to the Lord.** Anyone who works on the Sabbath must be put to death. The people of Israel must keep the Sabbath day by observing it from generation to generation. This is a covenant obligation for all time.”*

- Rabbinic prohibitions concerning bread and the Sabbath:
 - No planting
 - No plowing
 - No reaping or gathering
 - No threshing or winnowing
 - No grinding

- No kneading
- No baking
 - These were part of the Melachot
 - A set of 39 Sabbath laws developed by the rabbis
 - But, originally, there had only been **one**

*“Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. **On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.**”* – Exodus 16:4-5 ESV

- This should sound familiar

*So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘**He gave them bread from heaven to eat.**’”* – John 6:30-31 ESV

- They had come seeking physical bread
- But Jesus offered them something far better

*Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. **For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.**”* – John 6:32-33 ESV

- **Bread from heaven**

- The bread from heaven

- For five days, they could gather but not hoard
 - *Each of them gathered as much as he could eat.* – Exodus 16:18 ESV

*And Moses said to them, “Let no one leave any of it over till the morning.” But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and **it bred worms and stank.*** – Exodus 16:19-20 ESV

- But what about Friday?
 - *On the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers each.* – Exodus 16:22 ESV

*“This is what the Lord has commanded: ‘Tomorrow is a day of solemn rest, a holy Sabbath to the Lord; bake what you will bake and boil what you will boil, and all that is left over lay aside to be kept till the morning.’” So they laid it aside till the morning, as Moses commanded them, and **it did not stink, and there were no worms in it.*** – Exodus 16:23-24 ESV

- God had made provision
 - The Sabbath was to be a time of rest
 - But it was less about **cessation from work**, than it was about **rest in and reliance upon God**
 - He would meet all their needs

*“Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, **and I will give you rest.**” – Matthew 11:28 NLT*

- What does any of this have to do with the burial of Jesus? Everything
 - Remember the words of Jesus:

*“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies**, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.” – John 12:23-24 ESV*

- Jesus’ death and burial were the fulfillment of Scripture

*For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol (the grave), **or let your holy one see corruption.** – Psalm 66:10 ESV*

*And as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption...Therefore he says also in another psalm, **“You will not let your Holy One see corruption.”** – Acts 16:34, 35*

- Jesus was dead, but He would not stay that way
- And His body would not undergo decay

*So they laid it aside till the morning, as Moses commanded them, **and it did not stink, and there were no worms in it.** – Exodus 16:24 ESV*

- His death would result in life

*“I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. **This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.**” – John 6:48-51 ESV*

- **A tomb and a garden**

- A tomb
 - His lifeless body was placed in a borrowed tomb
 - This too, was in fulfillment of Scripture

*...his life was cut short in midstream.
But he was struck down
for the rebellion of my people.
He had done no wrong
and had never deceived anyone.
But **he was buried like a criminal;**
he was put in a rich man's grave. – Isaiah 53:8-9 ESV*

- He wouldn't be needing it for long
- Because His death was a temporary condition

*Yet when his life is made an offering for sin,
he will have many descendants.
He will enjoy a long life,
and the Lord's good plan will prosper in his hands.
When he sees all that is accomplished by his
anguish, he will be satisfied.
And because of his experience,
**my righteous servant will make it possible
for many to be counted righteous,
for he will bear all their sins.** – Isaiah 53:10-11 NLT*

- A garden

Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. – John 19:41 ESV

- An important, but often overlooked fact
a garden – (Greek) *kēpos*
- The same word Jesus used in one of His stories about the Kingdom of God

*He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? It is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and **sowed in his garden**, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches." – Luke 13:18-19 ESV*

- Jesus' death would be **fruitful**, not **final**
- It would result in **multiplication**, not **martyrdom**

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. – Hebrews 2:14-15 ESV

- **The garden revisited** – Genesis 3:22-23

*“Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever —” therefore the Lord **God sent him out from the garden of Eden** to work the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way **to guard the way to the tree of life.***

- Jesus was about to restore **access** and **life**
 - But it would come about through **death**
 - All the preparations were made
 - Joseph...took away His body – vs 38
 - Nicodemus...brought spices to anoint His body – vs 39
 - Together...they wrapped His body – vs 40
 - Then they placed His body in the tomb – vs 40
 - But they have no expectations
- It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. – Luke 23:54 ESV*

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment. – Luke 23:56 ESV

- Nicodemus and Joseph had done all they could do
- The women had prepared spices for the body, but had to wait until Sunday
- The Sabbath required that they rest
- But God had other preparation plans in place

For Further Discussion

- According to Hebrews 2:14-15, why was it so important for Jesus to actually die?
- What proof is there that Joseph, Nicodemus, and the women weren't expecting Jesus to resurrect from the dead?
- The garden where Jesus was buried became a symbol of death and life. Why is this significant?

MATTHEW

57 When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. 58 He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. 59 And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud 60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.

61 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

MARK

42 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. 44 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.

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

LUKE

50 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, 51 who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. 52 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. 53 Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid.

54 It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning.

55 The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. 56 Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

JOHN

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. So he came and took away his body. 39 Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. 40 So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. 41 Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. 42 So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.