

~ARIMATHEA (80)

(Ar-i-ma-the'a) [from Hebrew, meaning Height]

- A city of the Judeans in the time of Jesus, and the native city of **Joseph**, the secret disciple who obtained Jesus corpse for burial.
- And, look! A man named **Joseph**, who was a member of the Council, a good and righteous man. (**Luke 23:50**)
- This man had not voted in support of their design and action, he was from **Arimathea**, a city of the Judeans, and was waiting for the kingdom of God. (**Luke 23:51**)
- This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. (**Luke 23:52**)
- And he took it down and wrapped it up in fine linen, and he laid him in a tomb carved in the rock, in which no man had yet lain. (**Luke 23:53**)
- Now as it was late in the afternoon, there came a rich man of **Arimathea**, named **Joseph**, who had also himself become a disciple of Jesus. (**Matthew 27:57**)
- This man went up to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded it to be given over. (**Matthew 27:58**)
- And **Joseph** took the body, wrapped it up in clean fine linen. (**Matthew 27:59**)
- And laid it in his new memorial tomb, which he had quarried in the rock-mass. And, after rolling a big stone to the door of the memorial tomb, he left. (**Matthew 27:60**)
- There came **Joseph** of **Arimathea**, a reputable member of the Council, who also himself was waiting for the kingdom of God. He took courage to go in before Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. (**Mark 15:43**)
- But Pilate wondered whether he was already dead, and, summoning the army officer, he asked him whether he had already died. (**Mark 15:44**)

- So after making certain from the army officer, he granted the corpse to Joseph. (**Mark 15:45**)
- Accordingly he bought fine linen and took him down, wrapped him in the fine linen and laid him in a tomb which was quarried out of a rock-mass, and he rolled a stone up to the door of the memorial tomb. (**Mark 15:46**)
- Now after these things **Joseph** from **Arimathea**, who was a disciple of Jesus but a secret one out of his fear of the Jews, requested Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. Therefore he came and took his body away. (**John 19:38**)
- Nicodemus also, the man that came to him in the night the first time, came bringing a roll of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds of it. (**John 19:39**)
- So they took the body of Jesus and bound it up with bandages with the spices, just the way the Jews have the custom of preparing for burial. (**John 19:40**)
- Incidentally, at the place where he was impaled there was a garden, and in the garden a new memorial tomb, in which no one had ever yet been laid. (**John 19:41**)
- There, then, on account of the preparation of the Jews, they laid Jesus, because the memorial tomb was nearby. (**John 19:42**)
- The location of **Arimathea** is generally considered to be at the site of modern Rentis or Rantis, about 35 kilometers (22 miles) Northwest of Jerusalem and about 26 kilometers (16 miles) East of Joppa or modern Tel Aviv-Yafo.