

John 19:38~ 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.

1· So after the soldiers ascertained that all three were dead, and they reported this back to Pilate, Joseph of Arimathea, a secret disciple of Jesus, went before Pilate, and requested the body of Jesus for burial, and Pilate gave him permission to take the body. Therefore Joseph came to the site, and took the body away, wrapping it in fine linen.

[Question] Who then came and asked for the body of Jesus, after the soldiers determined that Jesus was in fact dead?

[Question] What was the relationship of Joseph of Arimathea to Jesus?

2· Trembling at men is what lays a snare, but he that is trusting in Yehowah will be protected. (**Proverbs 29:25**)

[Question] What fear lays a snare for men?

3· No one, of course, would speak about him publicly because of the **fear** of the **Jews**. (**John 7:13**)

[Question] Why would no one come to the aid of Jesus Christ, for how did most Jews then feel?

4· His parents said these **things** because they were in **fear** of the **Jews**, for the **Jews** had already come to an agreement that, if anyone confessed him as Christ, he should get expelled from the synagogue. (**John 9:22**)

[Question] How did the parents of a Jew Jesus healed, react to question coming from the Pharisees, and why?

5· This man went up to **Pilate**, and asked for the body of **Jesus**. Then **Pilate** commanded it to be given over. (**Matthew 27:58**)

[Question] What did Joseph then go before Pilate and ask for, and was his body given over?

6· 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**)

[Question] What was Joseph a member of, yet was he a righteous man before God?

[Question] What did he show courage to do, and why did this take courage for him to do?

7· **And, look! A man named **Joseph**, who was a member of the Council, a good and righteous man. (**Luke 23:50**)**

[Question] Though a Pharisee and a righteous man, what was Joseph a member of?

8· **His dead body should not stay all night on the stake, but you should by all means bury him on that day, because something accursed of God, is the one hung up, and you must not defile your soil, which Yehowah your God is giving you as an inheritance. (**Deuteronomy 21:23**)**

[Question] What did the Law Covenant state, about anyone hung upon a stake, and how their dead body should be treated?

9· **My father made me swear, saying; Look! I am dying. In my burial place, which I have excavated for myself in the land of Canaan, is where you are to bury me. And now, please, let me go up and bury my father, after which, I am willing to return. (**Genesis 50:5**)**

[Question] What command had Jacob laid upon his faithful son Joseph?

10· **Moreover, all those acquainted with him were standing at a distance. Also, women, who together, had followed him from Galilee, were standing, beholding these **things**. (**Luke 23:49**)**

[Question] Where were the women acquainted with Jesus, then standing?

11· **All the same, many even of the rulers actually put faith in him, but because of the Pharisees, they would not confess him, in order not to be expelled from the synagogue. (**John 12:42**)**

[Question] What did many of the rulers of the people put their faith in, yet why would they not confess this faith publicly?

- 12.** True, not a one of the others had the courage to join himself to them, nevertheless, the people were extolling them. (**Acts of Apostles 5:13**)

[Question] What did many fear, that kept them from following after Jesus?