

**A King's Tomb**  
**John 19:31-42**

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**I. Make sure He is dead. John 19:31-37**

1. The prophecy of Messiah being \_\_\_\_\_ from broken bones.
2. **"They shall \_\_\_\_\_ on Him whom they pierced." (37)**

Jesus actually had a \_\_\_\_\_. In plain language, Jesus died from a heart that had been ruptured.

- Jesus loves us and \_\_\_\_\_ endured this pain as well as all the other things we have learned that He suffered.
- *What about the things inside of each one of us, that we \_\_\_\_\_ to let go of?*

**II. Undercover followers. John 19:38-42**

**John 3:2 Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for \_\_\_\_\_ can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.**

- Nicodemus can be seen as a model of faith and courage for us to follow, honestly \_\_\_\_\_ and investigating the claims of Christ.

Some commentators feel as if Joseph and Nicodemus served Jesus too late. Too late to escape the painful regret of what they might have been and what they \_\_\_\_\_ have done for Jesus.

- The guards circulated a false report about Jesus' followers stealing His body. Everywhere that false report traveled, one important fact followed: the \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_!

**III. Practical Application.**

1. We can rest in the fact that Jesus fulfilled all of the Biblical prophecy to prove He is our Savior, God in the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jesus will come back and reveal Himself to those who \_\_\_\_\_ Him. **Zechariah 12:10**
3. May we remember the ruptured heart of Christ and the spear in His side. He forgave us, so we forgive \_\_\_\_\_. **Colossians 3:13**
4. We must be willing to stand for Jesus as \_\_\_\_\_ Christians. **Ephesians 6:13**
5. Jesus' tomb is \_\_\_\_\_, so we have life **through His Spirit.**  
**Romans 8:11**

**Small Group Discussion**

*Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?*

1. Discuss the dangers of becoming too familiar with the Cross.  
**1 Corinthians 1:18, Colossians 2:14, Galatians 6:14**
2. *How does it strengthen our faith knowing that Jesus was the fulfillment of so many Scriptures?*  
**Acts 2:17, Revelation 19:10, 1 Thessalonians 5:20-21**
3. Describe the meaning behind the broken heart of Jesus, both physically and spiritually. Discuss the question, "*What about the things inside of each one of us, that we refuse to let go of?*"
4. *How were Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea models of faith and courage?* Discuss some practical ways we can be courageous for the Lord in our world today.  
**Ephesians 6:13, Hebrews 11:1-6, Romans 10:17, 2 Corinthians 5:7**
5. Discuss the Practical Application of this sermon.
  - *How does the fact that Jesus fulfilled biblical prophecy give us assurance?*
  - *Has God forgotten Israel?*  
**Genesis 12:3, Zechariah 12:10, Genesis 17:7, Romans 11:17-23**
  - *What did Rich say the ruptured heart of Christ should cause us to do with the things we keep bottled up inside of us?*  
**Colossians 3:13**
  - Jesus' tomb being empty should remind us of some of the promises of Jesus; discuss some.  
**Romans 8:11, Matthew 28:20, John 14:18, Hebrews 13:5, Ruth 1:21, Romans 15:13**