

# Bible Study Questions

## ***He Was Buried – Mark 15:42-47***

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### **Focus**

Mark's main point is to emphasize that Jesus is really and truly dead. Jesus is now just a body, a corpse. He's lifeless and thus His dead body needs to be dealt with. In this way, Mark is also though providing the prelude to Jesus' resurrection.

### **Read**

[Mark 15:42-47](#)

### **Listen**

CCNYC teaching on Mark 15 which can be found on our [website](#)

*As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.*

### **Some Questions for Study and Reflection**

(The purpose of these opening questions is to review the passage that was recently preached on in order to make sure that everyone understands the basic structure, events, people, and point of the passage.)

1. Work through some basic review questions for this passage:
  - What's the context? (Where are we in Mark's Gospel? What's recently taken place?)
  - Who are the main characters in this section? (How does Mark describe them? How do they describe themselves? What else do we know about them?)
  - Is time or place significant in the events that happen in the passage?
  - Is there a conflict or high point in this passage? (How has Mark structured this passage in order to build to that point?)
  - What was the main point or theme of this passage that was identified in Sunday's sermon?
2. What questions do you still have about this passage that you'd like to discuss?

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### **Closing Reflection and Application**

(The purpose of these reflection questions is to help each other not just understand what the passage is saying, but to think more deeply about what it means so that we can then accurately apply it to our lives today.)

3. In what ways does this passage make the point that Jesus was dead?
4. Why is it important for us to affirm that Jesus truly died on the cross?
5. Review the three doctrinal implications of Jesus' death that were given on Sunday. Which of those three resonates with you the most at the moment? Can you think of other implications?
6. Given how John describes Joseph in John 20:38 compared to what we see here of Joseph in Mark 15:43, what do you think caused this transformation in Joseph as he goes from fear and secrecy to demonstrating such public courage?
7. How would you go about discipling someone like a Joseph of Arimathea prior to this display of courage?
8. Are there areas of your life where you operate more as a secret and fearful disciple of Jesus? If so, what are some of the steps you can take to grow in the courage of your convictions?
9. Read Romans 6:4 and Colossians 2:12. What does it mean that we have been 'buried with Christ'? What's the significance for us spiritually and eternally?
10. Going back to verses 40-41, Mark has now repeatedly mentioned by name some of the women who were present at these decisive events. Why do you think that is?
11. What's your response to the burial of Jesus?
12. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?