



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 23:50-56 (NAS)

Topic: "Being Bold in Your Stand for Christ"

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50 And a man named Joseph, who was a member of the Council, a good and righteous man
51 (he had not consented to their plan and action), a man from Arimathea, a city of the Jews,
who was waiting for the kingdom of God;
52 this man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.
53 And he took it down and wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid Him in a tomb cut into the rock,
where no one had ever lain.
54 It was the preparation day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.
55 Now the women who had come with Him out of Galilee followed, and saw the tomb and how
His body was laid.
56 Then they returned and prepared spices and perfumes. And on the Sabbath they rested
according to the commandment.

I. JOSEPH, THE BOLD EXAMPLE

- A. Arimathea Helps Identify Him
- B. He Was A Member Of The Sanhedrin
- C. He Had Been A Silent Disciple *John 19:38; Matthew 27:57*
- D. He Was A Prominent Member Of The Council
- E. He Found Courage To Go To Pilate

II. THE IMPORT OF HIS ACTIONS

- A. The Proof Of The Resurrection *I Corinthians 15:17*
- B. Fulfillment Of Prophecy *Isaiah 53:9*
- C. He Took A Stand For Christ

III. BEING EQUIPPED WITH COURAGE

- A. Need To Go To The Cross Often *I Corinthians 51:3, 4*
 - 1. We need to see our substitute
 - 2. We need see the opening of the veil of the temple

IV. JOSEPH PAID A PRICE TO FOLLOW CHRIST

- A. He Risked His Possessions And Reputation *Matthew 5:10-11; John 9:20-22*
- B. He Gave Up His Material Good *Luke 14:33, 26*

CONCLUSION:

- 1. Will You Be A Silent Disciple?
- 2. Or Will You Be Bold For Christ?