

## John 19:34-42 & 20:1-9

**34-37.** But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately **BLOOD and WATER came out.** And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "**Not one of His bones shall be broken.**" And again another Scripture says, "**They shall look on Him whom they PIERCED.**"

- **Psalm 22:16-17** "For dogs have \_\_\_\_\_ Me; the assembly of the wicked has enclosed Me. They \_\_\_\_\_ My \_\_\_\_\_ and My \_\_\_\_\_; I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me."
- **Psalm 34:20** "He \_\_\_\_\_ all his \_\_\_\_\_; not one of them is \_\_\_\_\_."
- **John 20:25-27** "The other disciples therefore said to him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see in His \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, and put my finger into the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, and put my hand into His \_\_\_\_\_, I will not believe.' And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, 'Peace to you!' Then He said to Thomas, 'Reach your finger here, and look at My \_\_\_\_\_; and reach your hand here, and put it into My \_\_\_\_\_. Do not be unbelieving, but \_\_\_\_\_.'"

**Definition: "THEY shall LOOK on Him whom they PIERCED"** - The word "pierced" refers to the nailing of Jesus to the cross. This is the most hideous part of the crucifixion. The victim was placed on his back with arms outstretched, and was mounted on the cross before it was placed in its upright position. To hold the person in place, the soldiers drove large iron spikes into the feet and wrists. It is reassuring to know that when we suffer, we are understood by a Savior who Himself suffered deeply and severely. For this term to be used in the prophecy of the Messiah's death a thousand years before it happened (Psalm 22:16-17), was amazing, because the common form of capital punishment for the Jews at that time was stoning to death. Crucifixion had not even been invented when David wrote about it in the Psalms, and Zechariah wrote about it in his prophecy of Zechariah 12:10 and 13:6.

- **Zechariah 12:10** "And I will pour out upon the house of \_\_\_\_\_, and upon the inhabitants of \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and supplications; and they shall look upon \_\_\_\_\_ whom they have \_\_\_\_\_ and they shall \_\_\_\_\_ for Him as one mourns for an only Son."
- **Zechariah 13:6** "And one will say to Him, 'What are these \_\_\_\_\_ in Your \_\_\_\_\_?' Then He will say, 'Those with which I was \_\_\_\_\_ in the house of My friends.'"

**Definition: "Not one of His BONES shall be BROKEN"** - This is referring to the instructions given for killing the Passover Lamb. Because Jesus is "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world," He is also our Passover Lamb. The wrath of God will "pass over" us just as the death angel passed over the Israelites who had the blood of the lamb on their doorposts. We apply the blood of Jesus, our Passover Lamb, to our hearts by faith,

- **I Corinthians 5:7** "Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed, \_\_\_\_\_, our \_\_\_\_\_, was \_\_\_\_\_ for us."

- **John 1:29** "The next day John saw \_\_\_\_\_ coming toward him, and he said, "Behold! The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ the sin of the world!"
- **Exodus 12:46** "It is to be eaten in a single house; you are not to bring forth any of the flesh outside of the house, nor are you to \_\_\_\_\_ any \_\_\_\_\_ of it."
- **Numbers 9:12** "They shall leave none of it until morning, nor \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ of it; according to all the statute of the \_\_\_\_\_ they shall observe it."

**Definition: "BLOOD and WATER came out"** - This is further proof that Jesus was already dead, and not just "fainted" as some unbelievers like to say. It is a medical fact that the blood of a person who dies under severe pain and trauma (such as a crucifixion) will separate into blood and clear serum ("water") in the sac around the heart (called the pericardium). This is what the soldiers saw, and they realized that Jesus was truly already dead, so they did not need to break His legs.

- **I John 5:6** "This is He who came by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ - Jesus Christ; not only by \_\_\_\_\_, but by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ . And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth."

**38-40.** After this, **Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus**, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. So **he came and took the body of Jesus**. And **Nicodemus**, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, **as the CUSTOM of the Jews is to BURY**.

- **Luke 23:50-53** "And behold, there was a man named \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ member, a good and just man. He had not consented to their counsel and deed. He was from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who himself was also waiting for the kingdom of God. This man went to \_\_\_\_\_ and asked for the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. Then he took it down, \_\_\_\_\_ it in \_\_\_\_\_, and laid it in a \_\_\_\_\_ that was hewn out of the \_\_\_\_\_, where no one had ever lain before."

**Definition: "Nicodemus, who at FIRST came to JESUS by NIGHT"** - Nicodemus was a Pharisee, a member of the Sanhedrin, the Supreme Council of the Jews, which was a political as well as a religious body. We first see him in John 3:1-12, and later in John 7:45-51, as he makes his progress in becoming a true believer in Jesus as the Messiah. Luke 23:50-53 tells us that Joseph of Arimathea was also "a council member" or Pharisee, so we see that not all of the Pharisees were against Jesus.

- **John 3:1-2** "There was a \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ named \_\_\_\_\_, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with Him."
- **Read John 7:45-51** (Verses 50-51) "Nicodemus (he who \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus by \_\_\_\_\_, being one of them) said to them 'Does our law judge a man before it hears Him, and knows what He is doing?'"

**Definition: "BOUND it in strips of linen, as the CUSTOM of the Jews is to BURY"** - Guess where the Jews got the "custom" of burying their dead by wrapping the bodies in linen strips? In Egypt! While the Hebrews were in Egypt for 400 years, they learned burial practices from the Egyptians, who mummified their dead bodies. The difference between the Egyptian style of burial and the Jewish style, was that the

Jews wrapped each arm and leg separately, whereas Egyptian mummies have their arms and legs wrapped together with the body.

- **John 11:44** "And he who had \_\_\_\_\_ came out \_\_\_\_\_ hand and foot with \_\_\_\_\_, and his \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus said to them, "Loose (unwrap) him, and let him go."
- **John 20:5-7** "And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen \_\_\_\_\_ lying there; yet he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the \_\_\_\_\_; and he \_\_\_\_\_ the linen \_\_\_\_\_ lying there, and the \_\_\_\_\_ that had been around His \_\_\_\_\_, not lying with the linen \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ together in a place by itself."

**41-42.** Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden **a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid**. So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews' Preparation Day, for the tomb was nearby."

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- **Isaiah 53:9** "His \_\_\_\_\_ was assigned to be with wicked men, yet with a \_\_\_\_\_ in His death; although He had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in His mouth."

**Definition: "A NEW TOMB in which NO ONE had yet been laid"** - The bodies of criminals who were executed by crucifixion were usually dumped in a common grave, or out at the "city dump" outside of town. Only **a rich man**, which Joseph of Arimathea was, could afford to have a brand new tomb in a garden, and only a believer in Jesus as Messiah would have given up his own tomb for Jesus' body to be buried in. God prophesied through Isaiah the prophet, 700 years before Christ, that the Messiah would be buried in a rich man's tomb.

**20:1.** On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and **saw that the STONE had been TAKEN AWAY** from the tomb.

- **Mark 16:1-4** "Now when the \_\_\_\_\_ was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome brought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the \_\_\_\_\_, they came to the \_\_\_\_\_ when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, 'Who will \_\_\_\_\_ away the \_\_\_\_\_ from the door of the tomb for us' But when they looked up, they saw that the \_\_\_\_\_ had been \_\_\_\_\_ away - for it was very large."

**Definition: "The STONE had been TAKEN AWAY"** - These tombs were like caves cut out of the rock in the side of a hill, and this stone would have been a huge round stone, cut to fit over the mouth of the tomb. It would probably take several strong men to roll away the stone.

**2.** Then **she ran and came to SIMON PETER, and to the OTHER DISCIPLE**, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

- **Matthew 28:5-7** "But the angel answered and said, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek \_\_\_\_\_ who was \_\_\_\_\_. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. and \_\_\_\_\_ quickly and tell His \_\_\_\_\_ that He is \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.'"

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**DISCIPLE"** - We know that this "other disciple whom Jesus loved" is John himself, who is writing this. John never refers to himself by name, but usually as "the disciple whom Jesus loved" or just "the other disciple". Obviously, this first time, **Mary Magdalene goes to just Peter and John only**, because we see that she does not yet know what happened to Jesus, and later, after the women see the angels, **the angels tell them to go to ALL of the disciples** with the news that Jesus is risen from the dead. At first, the rest of the disciples didn't even believe the women, but thought they were making it up ("idle tales"). All the gospel writers, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, give us different details, and tell the story from a slightly different perspective, but it is the same story. We must take all the details from the four gospels, and put them together, to get the full picture.

- **Luke 24:9-11** "Then they \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ and told all these things to the eleven and to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. It was \_\_\_\_\_, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the \_\_\_\_\_. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them."

**3-9.** Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. And he, stooping down and **looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there**; yet he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and **he saw the linen cloths lying there**, and the handkerchief that had been around His head not lying with the linen cloths, but **folded together in a place by itself**. Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and **he saw and believed**. For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.

- **Luke 24:12** "But \_\_\_\_\_ arose and ran to the \_\_\_\_\_; and stooping down, he saw the linen \_\_\_\_\_ lying by \_\_\_\_\_; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened."

**Definition: "He saw the LINEN CLOTHS LYING THERE"** - When Jesus rose from the dead, He came out of the graveclothes supernaturally, leaving them intact, in the shape of a human, but with the human body sucked out. No one had unwrapped the linen strips, and Jesus did not have to unwrap Himself to get out. The disciples saw the graveclothes lying there, and the face cloth wrapped up and laid on the side. Remember Jesus raising up Lazarus from the dead in John chapter 11, and the disciples were told to unwrap him? Why is Lazarus' situation **so different?** The answer is because **Lazarus was only being resurrected temporarily**. Jesus brought him back to life and healed him of the disease that had killed him, but Lazarus would go on to **live the rest of his life, and die a natural death eventually**. Lazarus came back to life in a normal, human body. When Jesus rose from the dead, He rose in a supernatural, resurrection body that was able to "zap" right through the graveclothes, the tomb, and later through closed doors. The stone in front of the tomb was not moved away by the angels in order to let Jesus out, because He didn't need to go out through a door, but to let the women and the disciples in!