



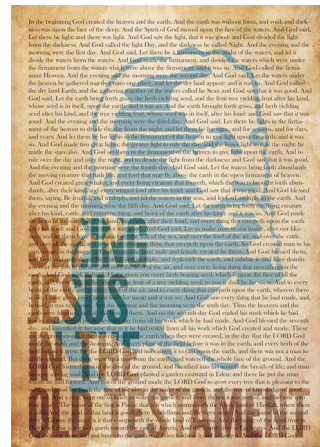
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"For the whole Christ is in every word and wholly in each individual word. When He is denied, therefore, in one word, He is totally denied, for He is in every word."

-Martin Luther (*Luther's Works*, 25:238).

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Reflections on the Burial of Jesus

We'll soon be celebrating the resurrection of our Lord, the triumphal event recounted in Matthew, Mark (in his longer ending—let's tackle that issue another time!), Luke, and John. What you may not know is that the burial of Jesus also gets a fair amount of attention in all four gospels, even from the perspective of the "other side." Let me explain...

After Jesus' side is pierced (Jn. 19:31-37), we learn from all four gospel writers that Joseph of Arimathea asks Pilate for the body of Jesus. Only Mark, however, records the following detail: "Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. *And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead*, he granted the corpse to Joseph" (Mk. 15:44-45). Notice how Mark emphasizes how the "other side," the centurion, confirms that Jesus was in fact dead. I'll return to this in a moment.

Next, it's only Matthew who tells us about the activity of the guards. In Matthew 27:62-66 we read: "The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, 'Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, "After three days I will rise." Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, "He has risen from the dead," and the last fraud will be worse than the first.'" Pilate said to them, 'You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.' So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard."

First thing's first: Matthew loves irony. While all the disciples of Jesus fled the scene and *weren't* remembering Jesus' words about rising again, the "other side," the chief priests and the Pharisees, are doing exactly that ("We remember..."; note also how the angels speak to the women in Luke 24:6: "*Remember how he told you...*").

Immediately after narrating Jesus' resurrection, Matthew turns his attention back to the guards for a second time in Mt. 28:11-15: "While they [the women at the tomb] were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers and said, 'Tell people, "His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep." And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.' So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day."

This is fascinating! First, the guard admits that *they were indeed guarding the tomb* ("while we were asleep"). Next, the guard also admits that *the tomb is now empty* ("stole him away"). Finally, the guard also admits that *they have no body*; they cannot produce it.

So it is, then, that *even the ones who want nothing to do with Jesus* have confirmed the following: 1) Jesus was indeed dead; 2) Jesus' body was placed in a guarded tomb; 3) Jesus' tomb is now empty; *and* 4) Jesus' body is no longer in the tomb. The disciples may have fled the scene, but witnessing to the person and work of Jesus carries on by those of the "other side"!

John tells us that "in the place where [Jesus] was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid" (Jn. 20:41). While the "other side" scrambles and cannot help but confirm the testimony of the evangelists in their own way, our Lord is fittingly buried in a garden, bringing to mind a new "Eden" in which Jesus will rise as the firstfruits of a new creation (1 Cor. 15:20, 23).

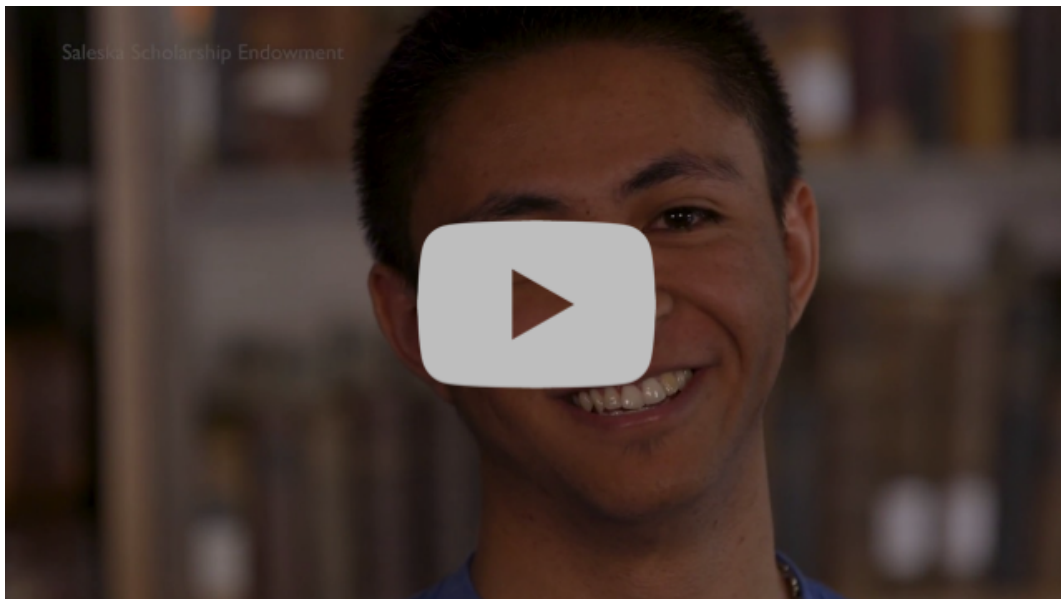
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Isaiah 25:1-9 Romans 1-3	2 Psalm 114 Romans 4-6	3 Psalm 115 Romans 7-9
4 Psalm 116 Romans 10-13 Happy Easter!	5 Psalm 117 Romans 14-16	6 Psalm 118 1 Cor. 1-3	7 Psalm 119:1-8 1 Cor. 4-6	8 Psalm 119:9-16 1 Cor. 7-9	9 Psalm 119:17-24 1 Cor. 10-11	10 Ps. 119:25-32 1 Cor. 12-14
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18 Ps. 119:89-96 Ephesians 1-3	19 Ps. 119:97-104 Ephesians 4-6	20 Ps. 119:105-112 Philippians 1-2	21 Ps. 119:113-120 Philippians 3-4	22 Ps. 119:121-128 Colossians 1-2	23 Ps. 119:129-136 Colossians 3-4	24 Ps. 119:137-144 1 Thess. 1-3
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