

# Treasure Hunt

- Where do the women “behold” Jesus?
- Why does Matthew record this?
- What lessons can we learn from the women in the passion story?
- What is unusual about the two characteristics of Joseph in v. 57?
- What prophecy about the Lord does Joseph fulfill?
- What do he and Nicodemus have in common?
- What principle about God’s dealings with Israel do they illustrate?

# Christ's Followers at the Cross

## 1. Women

Jdg 4:8 And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, *then* I will not go. 9 And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.

## 2. Afar off

Mat 26:58 But Peter followed him **afar off** unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.

## 3. Beholding—what did they see?

- His death (27:55)
- His burial (27:61)
- The open tomb (28:1, same word)
- The risen Christ (28:9)

Act 1:21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained **to be a witness with us of his resurrection.**

# The Witness of the Women

Luk 8:1 And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve *were* with him, 2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, **Mary called Magdalene**, out of whom went seven devils, 3 And **Joanna** the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which **ministered unto him** of their substance.

	Matt	Mark	Luke	John
At the cross	27:56 Among which was <b>Mary Magdalene</b> , and <b>Mary the mother of James and Joses</b> , and <b>the mother of Zebedee's children</b> .	15:40 among whom was <b>Mary Magdalene</b> , and <b>Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses</b> , and <b>Salome</b> ; 41... and many <b>other women</b> which came up with him unto Jerusalem.	23:49 And all his acquaintance, and <b>the women that followed him from Galilee</b> , stood afar off, beholding these things.	19:25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus <b>his mother</b> , and <b>his mother's sister</b> , <b>Mary the wife of Cleophas</b> , and <b>Mary Magdalene</b> .
Watching the burial	27:61 And there was <b>Mary Magdalene</b> , and <b>the other Mary</b> , sitting over against the sepulchre.	15:47 And <b>Mary Magdalene</b> and <b>Mary the mother of Joses</b> beheld where he was laid.	23:55 And <b>the women also, which came with him from Galilee</b> , followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid.	
Coming to the tomb	28:1 ... as it began to dawn toward the first <i>day</i> of the week, came <b>Mary Magdalene</b> and <b>the other Mary</b> to see the sepulchre.	16:1 And when the sabbath was past, <b>Mary Magdalene</b> , and <b>Mary the mother of James</b> , and <b>Salome</b> , had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.	24:1 Now ... they came unto the sepulchre,... 10 It was <b>Mary Magdalene</b> , and <b>Joanna</b> , and <b>Mary the mother of James</b> , and <b>other women that were</b> with them, which told these things unto the apostles.	Joh 20:1 The first <i>day</i> of the week cometh <b>Mary Magdalene</b> early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.
Meeting Jesus	28:9 And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail.	16:9 Now when <i>Jesus</i> was risen early the first <i>day</i> of the week, he appeared first to <b>Mary Magdalene</b> , out of whom he had cast seven devils.		20:16 Jesus saith unto her, <b>Mary</b> . She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

# Contrasting Parties in Matt 26-28

	The Lord's Friends	Transition	The Lord's Enemies
Purpose: Jesus' Death	26:1-2 Fourth Announcement		26:3-5 Planning in the Palace
Preparation for Death	26:6-13 Anointing in Bethany		26:14-16 Contract with <b>Judas</b>
The Lord is betrayed /delivered	26:17-46 Jesus with the Disciples: Last Supper ( <b>Judas</b> ), Gethesemene ( <b>Peter</b> )		
		26:47-56 from the Disciples to the Jews ( <b>Judas</b> )	
			26:57-27:56 <b>Jesus</b> with the Jews: Trials ( <b>Peter, Judas</b> ), Crucifixion ( <b>women</b> )
Preparation for Burial	27:57-61 Joseph of Arimathea		27:62-66 Sealing the Tomb
Responses to the Resurrection	28:1-10, 16-20 Spread the gospel		28:11-15 Deny the Resurrection

# Burial Preparations: By Disciples

Luk 23:50 And, behold, *there was* a man named Joseph, a **counsellor**; *and he was* a good man, and a just: 51 (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;)

Mat 19:23 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a **rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.** 24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. 25 When his disciples heard *it*, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? 26 But Jesus beheld *them*, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

Isa 53:9 And he made his grave with ~~the~~ wicked [men], and with ~~the~~ [a] rich [man] in his death;

Mat 14:12 And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus.

Joh 19:38 And after this **Joseph of Arimathaea**, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave *him* leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus. 39 And there came also **Nicodemus**, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound *weight*. 40 Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

Joh 7:50 Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, **being one of them**,) 51 Doth our law judge *any* man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth?

# Believing Jews

Act 6:7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Act 22:3 I am verily a man *which am* a Jew, born in Tarsus, *a city* in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, *and* taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day. 4 And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women. 5 As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: ... 19 And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee: 20 And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him. 21 And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.

Rom 11:1 I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, *of* the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, 3 Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. 4 But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to *the image of Baal*. 5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.



# Tomb with Rolling Stone



Herod's family tomb in Jerusalem.

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