

The Gospel of John

The Passion of Christ John 12-21



John 19:39 - 20:10

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FEEBLE STARTS THAT ENDED IN FANTASTIC FINISHES

Introduction:

I. JOSEPH - A SECRET FOLLOWER (19:38-42) + Nicodemus

A. The Permission to Bury (vs. 38)

“after these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but a secret one for fear of the Jews”

“asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate granted permission”

So he came and took away His body.

B. The Preparations for Burial (vs. 39-40)

“Nicodemus, who had first come to Him by night, also came”

“bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds weight”

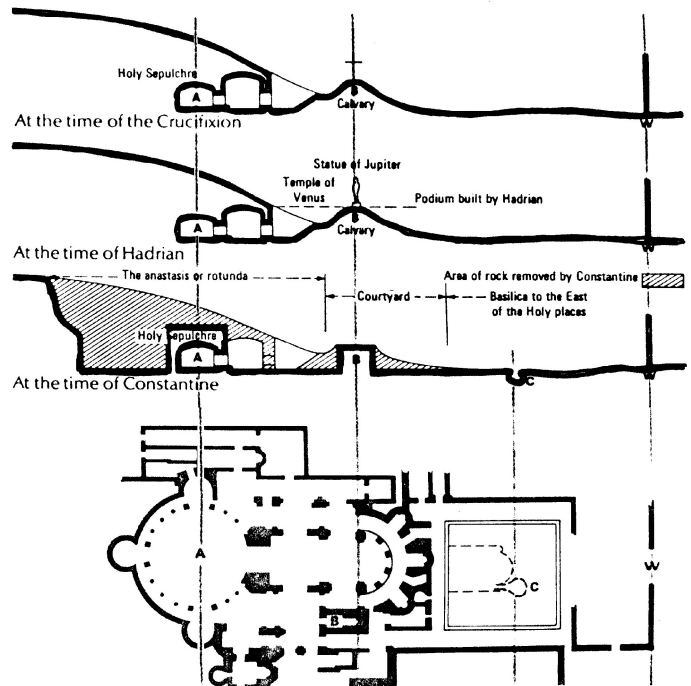
“So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen wrappings with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.”

C. The Place of Burial (vs. 41-42)

“now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden”

“in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid”

“Therefore because of the Jewish day of preparation, since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.”



II. MARY - A SILENT FOLLOWER (20:1-2) + disciples

A. Early to the Tomb (vs. 1)

“now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, while it was still dark”

“and saw the stone already taken away from the tomb”

B. Quick to Report (vs. 2)

“so she ran and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved”

“They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.”

C. Slow to Understand

III. PETER - A STUMBLING FOLLOWER (20:3-10) + John

A. How Quickly They Went (vs. 3-5)

“so Peter and the other disciple went forth, and they were going to the tomb”

“the two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter”

“came to the tomb first; and stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings lying there; but he did not go in”

B. How Carefully They Investigated (vs. 6-8)

“Simon Peter also came, following him, and entered the tomb”

“he saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the face-cloth which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself”

“so the other disciple who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw and believed”

C. How Slowly They Understood (vs. 9-10)

“for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead”

“so the disciples went away again to their own homes”

Conclusion:

Food for Thought:

- 1) Why is it important that our faith rests on objective truth (historical resurrection) and not on subjective feelings?
- 2) What do we learn (what can you apply) from these three stories of feeble faith?
- 3) What evidences are there in this passage that Jesus did really die and rise again?
- 4) Why must genuine faith in Christ go beyond mere assent to the facts and include repentance and surrender to His lordship?