

### ***HONoured IN DEATH***



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***And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.***

Jesus Christ was crucified between two criminals (Luke 23:32-33; Matthew 27:38), but Isaiah 53:9 shows that His ultimate resting place would be with a ***rich man***.

Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy and respected member of the Sanhedrin, courageously requested the body of Jesus from Pilate (Matthew 27:57-60; Mark 15:43-46; Luke 23:50-53; John 19:38-42). Despite the political and religious risks, Joseph provided a tomb that had been cut out of rock, securing an honorable and dignified burial for the sinless Messiah.

The burial of Jesus in a rich man's tomb demonstrates the intersection of divine justice, human sin, and God's providential plan. Paul emphasizes the necessity of Christ's death and burial for the efficacy of salvation. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Paul affirms that Christ ***was buried and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures***, demonstrating that His burial was a crucial component of the salvific narrative. The burial validates the reality of His death and ensures that the resurrection was a true bodily triumph over sin and death.

The rich man's tomb symbolizes the vindication and honor of Christ. Although He endured public humiliation and the ignominy of crucifixion, God arranged for His burial to be in a secure and honorable place, fulfilling His covenant promises and stressing the dignity due to the sinless Son of God.

John 19:41-42 notes that the tomb had never been used, emphasizing the purity and perfection of God's plan, prefigured in Isaiah's prophecy.

The burial is not just a historical detail but a necessity, confirming that Christ truly bore the sins of many and that His death was effective and complete. The rich man's tomb, then, becomes a testimony to both Christ's innocence and the fulfillment of God's prophetic word.

Colossians 2:12 states that believers are ***buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the powerful working of God.*** This parallel demonstrates that the physical reality of Christ's burial is mirrored in our participation in His death and resurrection. Furthermore, Romans 4:25 affirms that Christ ***was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification,*** linking His burial to the legal and spiritual redemption of humanity.

The New Testament consistently presents the burial as a vital component of salvation history, tying together Christ's innocence, the necessity of His death, and the glory of His resurrection.



***ROMANS 4:25***

### **Prayer Points:**

1. praise God because the Word is trustworthy, unfailing, and eternally true.
2. thank God that Christ's burial assures us that sin was fully judged and the debt fully paid.
3. pray for strength to honor Jesus without fear of rejection, loss, or opposition.



***Soli Deo Gloria – to God alone be the glory!***  
***Rev. Luke Haisa***