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**Buried**  
**Luke 23:50-24:12**  
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## Using This Study

### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will look at the end of Luke 23 and the beginning of Luke 24. In this section Joseph of Arimathea asks for the body of Jesus and puts it in a tomb. Joseph was a good man and did not agree with what had happened. Following the Sabbath, the women that had been following Jesus went to the tomb to anoint His body with spices. Upon arrival they find an empty tomb and are asked “why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has been raised.” Join us this week as we talk about the burial of Jesus and the importance of the empty tomb.

### Luke 24:4–5

As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes.  
5 The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, “Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive?”

## **Jesus' Burial**

50 Now there was a man named Joseph who was a member of the council, a good and righteous man. 51 (He had not consented to their plan and action.) He was from the Judean town of Arimathea, and was looking forward to the kingdom of God. 52 He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. 53 Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and placed it in a tomb cut out of the rock, where no one had yet been buried. 54 It was the day of preparation and the Sabbath was beginning. 55 The women who had accompanied Jesus from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. 56 Then they returned and prepared aromatic spices and perfumes.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

## **The Resurrection**

1 Now on the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the tomb, taking the aromatic spices they had prepared. 2 They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men stood beside them in dazzling attire. 5 The women were terribly frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but has been raised! Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." 8 Then the women remembered his words, 9 and when they returned from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. 11 But these words seemed like pure nonsense to them, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb. He bent down and saw only the strips of linen cloth; then he went home, wondering what had happened.

**● EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. What other areas of Scripture are directly related to this passage that might help us understand this passage better?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

## 2 **EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)

### What does God MEAN?

8. Why do you think Joseph asked for Jesus' body?
  
9. Why is it important to note that the women knew where the body was buried?
  
10. Who would have wanted to steal Jesus' body? Why?
  
11. What do the angels say happened to Jesus' body?
  
12. Why do you think the women were not believed when they said the body was gone?
  
13. What does Peter find? Does he believe?

**③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)  
Why does this MATTER to me?

14. Why do you think the account of the empty tomb is true?

15. What does the resurrection tell us about Jesus?

16. How does the resurrection give us confidence when we pray?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

**Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...**

*Sermon Notes*