

## **Sermon Notes**

### ***Insights from Luke***

#101 – “Courage At the Foot of the Cross” – Luke 23:50-56

#### I. Introduction

A. Noting the Renaissance artist of Gerard David.

1. “The Deposition”
2. A key part seems out of place, but on closer examination reveals the artist’s purpose.

B. The Text: Luke 23:50-56

#### II. Exposition

A. Luke 23:50-56

1. Jesus’ death confirmed.
  - a. I Cor. 15:3-4; John 19:31-33; Mark 15:44-45
2. Three great doctrines
  - a. The death was confirmation of His incarnation.
    1. Jesus was wholly God and wholly man.
    2. He had to be alive in order to die.
  - b. Jesus is the payment for our atonement.
    1. Origin of death – Gen. 2:17
    2. Regarding justice – Romans 6:23
    3. Jesus died in our place – Ps. 22:15; Isa. 53:8-9; Romans 5:10; Heb. 2:14-15; 1 Thess. 4:14
  - c. The death of Christ was a necessary work for the resurrection to take place.
    1. There can be no Easter without Good Friday.
3. Notice that Jesus was buried alone.
  - a. Luke 23:53
  - b. Pastor Don’s study while in Israel.
4. Note verse 55 – There would be no mistaken identity.

#### B. Special followers

1. Joseph of Arimathea

- a. A closet follower – John 19:38
- b. Member of the Sanhedrin
- c. Good and righteous man, looking for the kingdom of God – Verses 50-51.
- d. He desired no further desecration of Jesus’ body, vs 52.
- e. Not an everyday request – “Took courage” – Mk 15:43.
- f. Wealthy individual with social status, consequently he had much to lose.
- g. A costly act of compassion  
fine linen – hand-cut tomb – Matt. 27:60.
- h. A career killer, verse 51.
- i. Confirmation of Isaiah 53:9

2. Nicodemus

- a. He was present, too – John 19:39
  - b. He brought spices
  - c. The two men together brought Jesus down – John 19:40.
3. There were others, too. Devoted women – Luke 23:54-56.
- a. Supporters of Jesus’ ministry – Mk 15:40-46; Lk 8:1-3.
  - b. They stayed at the cross through the bitter end.

#### III. Points for Reflection.

- A. Those women present at the cross set aside their own compassionate desires for Jesus in order to obey the command of God.
- B. Without the help of women, men will never become the leaders God has called them to be.
- C. We all need courage to make a stand.
  1. II Cor. 5:19-20; Phil. 4:8; Eph. 4:25-27,29; 5:15-17; Prov. 21:26; Mal. 3:10; II Cor. 9:6