

Insights from Luke

#101: “Courage at the Foot of the Cross”
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“⁵⁰ And 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), a man from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who was waiting for the kingdom of God; ⁵² this man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³ And he took it down and wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid Him in a tomb cut into the rock, where no one had ever lain. ⁵⁴ It was the preparation day, and the Sabbath was about to begin. ⁵⁵ Now the women who had come with Him out of Galilee followed, and saw the tomb and how His body was laid. ⁵⁶ Then they returned and prepared spices and perfumes. And on the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.”

**The death was confirmation
 of His incarnation.**

**Jesus is the payment
 for our atonement.**

Death's origin – Genesis 2:17

“¹⁷ But from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.”

Regarding justice – Romans 6:23

“²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Psalm 22:15

“¹⁵ My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaves to my jaws; And You lay me in the dust of death.”

Isaiah 53:8-9

“⁸ By oppression and judgment
He was taken away;
And as for His generation, who considered
That He was cut off out of the land
of the living
For the transgression of my people,
to whom the stroke was due?
⁹ His grave was assigned with wicked men,
Yet He was with a rich man in His death,
Because He had done no violence,
Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.”

Romans 5:10

“¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.”

Hebrews 2:14-15

“¹⁴ Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.”

I Thessalonians 4:14

“¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.”

**The death of Christ was a
necessary work for the
resurrection to take place.**

Joseph of Arimathea

John 19:38

“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.”

Isaiah 53:9

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Nicodemus

John 19:39-40

“³⁹ Nicodemus, who had first come to Him by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds weight. ⁴⁰ So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen wrappings with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.”

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**Those women present at the cross
set aside their own compassionate
desires for Jesus in order to obey
the command of God.**

**Without the help of women, men
will never become the leaders
God has called them to be.**

**We all need courage
to make a stand.**