

MATTHEW

October 1, 2023

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Mark 15:40-47

Luke 23:48-54

John 19:31-42

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What is the significance of identifying certain individuals among the “many women” who were watching the events on Golgotha from a distance (vv. 55-56, 61)?
2. What can you discern about this man named Josph (v. 57)? (Be sure to consult the other Gospel accounts which all mention him.)

What is he risking? What has now changed?

3. What role does Nicodemus play (John 19:39-40)?
4. What may be going through Pilate’s mind as members of the Council/Sanhedrin continue to seek audiences with him (vv. 58, 62)?

5. How is this coalition different than those Pilate dealt with the previous morning (v. 62)?
What remains the same?

6. What is this delegation's current concern and what do they hope to get out of Pilate (vv. 63-64)?

7. Is this "guard" Roman or Jewish? (Why?) Does it matter? (Why?)

8. What is the significance of the seal?

9. How do these safeguards help establish the veracity of Christ's resurrection?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will establish a track record of faithfulness this week by . . .

I will give myself in abandon to the Lord this week by . . .

I will trust that God is in control this week by . . .