

## LESSONS FROM THE CROSS AND THE TOMB

### *Reliving the Passion, Part 6*

**Mark 15:42-16:8**

You can participate “in an ancient practice of our Christian Church: observing Lent, examining yourself for your own deep need of Jesus’ grace, understanding the crucifixion as the moment of marvelous love and your salvation, and giving God thanks for a resurrection which promises your own in the end.”

– Walter Wangerin, *Reliving the Passion*

### **WHAT CAN WE LEARN TODAY FROM GOLGOTHA AND THE GARDEN?**

#### **1. HOPE !**

“As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus.” Matthew 27:57 (NIV)

“Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, who had not consented to their decision and action.” Luke 23:50-51 (NIV)

“Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the Council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus.” Mark 15:43 (RSV)

“Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock.” Matthew 27:59-60a (NIV)

#### **2. FOLLOW, HONOR , & RESPECT JESUS**

“The next evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene and Salome and Mary the mother of James went out and purchased burial spices to put on Jesus’ body. Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they came to the tomb. On the way they were discussing who would roll the stone away from the entrance to the tomb.” Mark 15:1-2 (NLT)

#### **3. RECEIVE THE GOOD NEWS !**

“But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ‘Don’t be alarmed,’ he said. ‘You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.’” Mark 16:4-6 (NIV)

#### **A. EXAMINE YOURSELF FOR YOUR OWN DEEP NEED OF JESUS’ GRACE**

#### **B. UNDERSTAND THE CRUCIFIXION AS THE MOMENT OF MARVELOUS LOVE AND YOUR SALVATION**

#### **C. GIVE GOD THANKS FOR THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS, WHICH PROMISES YOUR OWN IN THE END**

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.” 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV/NLT)