

MATTHEW 27:51 THRU 28:20

1. "Jesus, when He had cried out again with a loud voice, yielded up His spirit" (27:50). What amazing events happened at/after His death? (27:51ff)

2. What confession was elicited by the centurion when they witnessed these events?

3. Who is also listed as witnessing these things "from afar"?

4. Joseph of Arimathea came to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body (27:57-61).
 - a. What notable things does Matthew tell us in describing Joseph?

 - b. In what did Joseph wrap Jesus' body?

 - c. What details does Matthew give about the tomb in which Jesus' body was laid?

 - d. Who is mentioned as being at the tomb as Jesus' body was laid to rest?

5. The next day the chief priests & Pharisees took a special interest in the burial of Jesus' body (27:62-66)
 - a. By what derisive term did they refer to Jesus, and what quote of His did they cite?

 - b. What did they request of Pilate, and why?

 - c. What did Pilate grant them?

6. On the third day (the first day of the week), Jesus rose from the dead (28:1-10).
 - a. As day was dawning, who came to see about the tomb?
 - b. What did an angel do at the tomb, and how is he described?
 - c. What happened to the guards who were at the tomb?
 - d. As the angel announced Jesus' resurrection, he told the women to "go quickly and tell His disciples," reminding them of what appointment? (cf. 26:32)
 - e. Who met the women as they went to tell the disciples?!
7. The soldiers at the tomb had recovered from their frightening experience (28:11-15).
 - a. Upon reporting to the chief priests what they'd experienced and seen, what action did these rulers take?
 - b. What assurances did they give the soldiers should Pilate hear of the disappearance of Jesus' body from the tomb?
8. Matthew brings his gospel account to its conclusion, with Jesus together with the eleven disciples on a Galilean mountain (28:16-20).
 - a. How much authority did Jesus say He'd been given?
 - b. Of what nations were the disciples to "make disciples," and what were they to do in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
 - c. What were all these disciples to be taught?
 - d. With what comforting words did Jesus conclude on this occasion?