To Seek and To Save #11 “And He Was Buried” Luke 23: 50-56

**Intro**: *For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to Scripture, and* ***that He was buried****, and that He was raised on the third day according to Scriptures.*

An Odd Emphasis on His Burial… **Why?**

**Luke 23: 50-56**

**A Literary Purpose** – Luke is Calling More Witnesses.

Exp – Vs. 53 – Joseph (And Nicodemus) – Touched, Carried, Wrapped

 Verbs – Took down (awkward); wrapped, Laid in tomb.

* Do you think they would have noticed if He was breathing?!?

Ill – Swoon Theory – 18th C. German Liberalism and Modern Islam.

 Jesus did not really Die.

App – I can Imagine **Dr. Luke** Calling Joseph to Testify.

**A Theological Purpose**

Exp – The Burial supports the Reality of the Resurrection of Jesus.

* Jesus did not swoon
* The women did not go to the wrong tomb
* Burial was Real because the Death was Real and the Resurrection Is Real!

**Ill** – Frank Segler’s Ministers Manual (1969) --- 30 years.

 Chapter Four – The Funeral Service

 10 Guiding Principles

 **#4** – ***The funeral service should lead people to face the***

***reality of the Death.***

App – Jesus Really Died… So Dead, He was Buried!

 **The Wages of Sin is Death**. (gospel)

**A Practical Purpose** – Luke is Calling Disciples.

Exp – **Vs. 49** – All His Acquaintances standing at a distance…Seeing

 **Luke 22:54** – It is dangerous to follow at a distance.

 Call to Follow Publicly; Confess before Men; Identify!

 **Luke 9: 23-26**

 Joseph Step Forward

(Mark – *gathered up courage*; John – *secret disciple*)

 Vs. 52 – Asked = middle voice… personal identification

**Don’t Follow Jesus at a Distance.**

**Confess Him before Others.**