

# MARK 15:42-16:8

## OBSERVATION: WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE SAY?

1. Who are the main characters in this section?
2. How is Joseph of Arimathea described? What does he do?
3. What does Pilate wonder about Joseph's request?
4. What does Pilate find out from the centurion?
5. What are the women hanging around to find out?
6. Who are the main characters in this section?
7. Why are the women going to the tomb? What challenges will they face when they get there?
8. Who do they find at the tomb? How is he described? What does he say?
9. What is the women's response to the words of the "young man"?

## INTERPRETATION: WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE MEAN?

1. Why is it necessary to bury Jesus before the Sabbath?
2. Look up the following passages to see what we can learn of Joseph of Arimathea: Luke 23:51; John 19:38ff. Why was it necessary for Joseph to muster up courage to ask for Jesus' body?
3. What is significant about the centurion's confirmation of Jesus' death? (the fact that there were witnesses to the death and burial of Jesus; see Matthew 28:11).
4. Look up Isaiah 53:9 and compare it with verse 46. What is significant about the burial of Jesus in fulfillment of prophecy?
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## APPLICATION: WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE MEAN TO ME/US?

1. What is the riskiest thing you have ever done in your life? Why did you do it? What were the results?
2. In what area of your Christian life do you need to be bolder?
3. How would you have responded to the message of the "young man"?
4. Who shared the message of the good news with you? Who is he sending you to?
5. How do you respond to God these days? Amazed? Astonished? Afraid?

## ACTION PLAN

Spend time personally and with others in coming up with an action plan inspired by your study. What in this passage compels you to desire a change, to move to action, to become more like Jesus? It could be a change in thinking, behavior, character. It could be internal or external. It could be personal or relational. Just don't leave studying the Bible as simply an intellectual exercise.