

Radical Love, Radical Change

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⁴⁰ Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs.

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⁴¹ At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid.

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Joseph of Arimathea: Man, Myth, Legend

Myth and Legend



The Man

Matt. 27.57

- Was a rich man

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- Was a rich man
- Who had become a disciple of Jesus

Mark 15.43

- Prominent member of the council

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- Prominent member of the council
- who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God

Luke 23

- a good and upright man

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- although he was a member of the council, he had not consented to their decision and action.

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- Like Matt., we learn Joseph was disciple.

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- But John lets us know that he was secretly a disciple.

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