

Matthew 27:57-66

- I. The Cost of Discipleship
 - A. Last love, last honor (Luke 23:55-56; John 19:39-40)
 - B. Where are the disciples? (Matthew 14:12)
 - C. Who is Joseph? (Isaiah 53:9; Matthew 13:22; 19:23-24; Mark 15:43; Luke 23:50-52; John 19:38)

- II. Burying the Dead
 - A. The Jewish way, the Christian way
 - B. The meaning of burial (Genesis 3:19; 17:8; 23:1-9, 17-20; 49-50; Psalm 90:3; Daniel 12:2, 13)
 - C. Just an idea

- III. Digging a Pit, Preparing the Way
 - A. The threat of resurrection (Daniel 6:17)
 - B. Unwitting witnesses

- IV. Hope for the Latecomer
 - A. The shame (Matthew 10:32-33)
 - B. The love (John 7:50-52)
 - C. The time (Psalm 127:2; Proverbs 3:5-8)