

Matthew 27:57-66

57 When it was evening, a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph came, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. 58 He approached Pilate and asked for Jesus's body. Then Pilate ordered that it be released. 59 So Joseph took the body, wrapped it in clean, fine linen, 60 and placed it in his new tomb, which he had cut into the rock. He left after rolling a great stone against the entrance of the tomb.

61 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were seated there, facing the tomb.

62 The next day, which followed the preparation day, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate 63 and said, "Sir, we remember that while This Deceiver was still alive He said, 'After three days I will rise again.' 64 So give orders that the tomb be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, His disciples may come, steal Him, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception will be worse than the first."

65 "You have a guard of soldiers," Pilate told them. "Go and make it as secure as you know how."

66 They went and secured the tomb by setting a seal on the stone and placing the guards.