

f) What do you risk losing in your claim? What do you gain?

6. a) Summarize what Joseph and Nicodemus did with Jesus' body in John 19:40–42 & Matthew 27:57–61.

b) Read also Isaiah 53:9, Mark 15:46 and Luke 23:53. Why do you **think** Jesus' burial and grave site are so important that they are described and prophesied many times in the Bible?

c) What might Joseph and Nicodemus have further risked in preparing Jesus' body according to the Law in Leviticus 21:1–4 and Numbers 5:1–3, 19:11–13?

d) How do you **think** God, who gave His people the Law through Moses, would view Joseph's and Nicodemus' state of cleanliness (imagine them covered in Jesus' blood), especially after Jesus' death on the cross?

e) How does God view your state of cleanliness, especially after Jesus' death on the cross?

7. Remember what Jesus prophesied in John 16:29–32. Though the disciples, Jesus' inner circle, were "scattered," God the Father sent Joseph and Nicodemus to complete the important tasks of preparing and burying Jesus' body. Who are the unlikely heroes that God has sent you in times of need? How did God use these heroes to show you that He is with you?