

Four Responses to Jesus' Death

Matthew 27: 54-66

I. The Centurion (Matthew 27:54; Acts 17:23)

II. The Women (Matthew 27:55-56; Luke 8:2)

III. Joseph of Arimathea (Matthew 27:57-60; Mark 15:44)

IV. The Jews (Matthew 27:62-66; John 19:12; John 2:22)

V. Bringing it Home

Questions to Ponder

- 1) What do I learn from Joseph of Arimathea's actions regarding Jesus' burial? How does his example encourage my faith in difficult times?
- 2) How do the actions of the chief priests and Pharisees serve as a warning about the dangers of opposing or mocking Jesus and His followers?
- 3) What do I learn from the faithful perseverance of the women who remained loyal to Jesus even in the darkest moments?
- 4) How can I live to gently encourage those who are doubtful and afraid, while remaining Christ-centered about those who are dismissive and mocking?