

***Sermon Title:* THE GOOD MAN**

Date: April 13, 2025 - Luke 23:50-56

Central Idea: We must receive and stand on God's truth. Will that focus drive us deeper in our commitment to Christ and His gospel?

Introduction:

All four Gospel writers presented details about Jesus' burial to demonstrate that Jesus was truly dead. All the preparations for His burial would have been unnecessary if Jesus had not really died. The death of the Messiah was needed or there could not have been the resurrection.

I. Joseph

1. A good and righteous man
2. Member of the Sanhedrin
3. A wealthy man
4. A secret disciple
5. Waiting for the kingdom

II. Luke

1. Removes doubt about death
2. Removes confusion about burial
3. Reminds us that the resurrection was not expected.

Conclusion:

At the cross, Jesus had given up what was His for the sake of Joseph. Now Joseph was giving up what was his for the sake of Jesus. That is what it means to be a disciple.

But what about us? We must be truth people who receive and stand on the truth and do not abandon it. We confess the truth that God is coming in judgment, but He does also forgive and offer paradise. Will we remain focused on Christ and His gospel?