

**FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE**

- 1) Consider the utter despair the followers of Jesus felt in this moment. They had forgotten to take God at His Word and believe Him for His Promises.
- 2) *19:31* It is difficult to imagine it possible that those who felt no remorse for having crucified the Lord of Glory should pretend to feel reverence for a Sabbath.
- 3) *19:31* Jesus died much sooner than normal for victims of crucifixion. Most lingered for two to three days.
- 4) *19:33* Pilate had given orders for the legs of the three to be broken, and they would not dare to disobey unless they were absolutely sure that Jesus was dead.
- 5) *19:35* John's account is not hearsay, fable, or legend, but an historical record of actual events. His purpose in relating it was so that his readers also may believe.
- 6) *19:36-37* For 1500 years, Israel observed this detail in the Passover, without any idea of its meaning.
- 7) *19:38* Joseph of Arimathea's request for Jesus' body was an open confession of his faith (up to that time he had been a secret believer).
- 8) *19:39* Like Joseph, Nicodemus was a secret disciple. He first crept in under cover of night to speak to Jesus. Here he openly showed himself.
- 9) *19:40* Neither Joseph nor Nicodemus nor the women (Luke 23:55–24:1) were expecting Jesus to rise from the dead. If they had believed He would do so they would not have bothered to prepare His body so thoroughly for burial.
- 10) Though the disciples had forgotten our Lord's words about His resurrection, the Jewish leaders had not (Matthew 27:62-66).
- 11) If even the most minute details of prophecy are important to God the Father, what does that say about His promises to you? Can the Lord God be safely trusted to accomplish his own purposes, in his own time, and in His own way in your life?