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Matthew 27:57-66

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As the sun began to set on the day Jesus died, something amazing happened. A rich and important man named Joseph came forward—a man who believed in Jesus and followed him in his heart. Joseph was brave enough to go right to Pilate, the Roman governor, and ask for Jesus' body. Can you imagine being that brave? Pilate said yes, and Joseph took Jesus' body with great care and love.

Joseph wrapped Jesus' body gently in a clean, white cloth—like tucking a baby into the softest blanket you've ever felt. Then he carried Jesus to a special tomb that had been carved out of solid rock, just like a bedroom inside a mountain! It was Joseph's own new tomb, and he gave it to Jesus because he loved him so much. He rolled a big, heavy stone in front of the entrance—so big that it would take many, many strong men to move it. Two women named Mary Magdalene and another Mary watched everything Joseph did. They sat quietly near the tomb, their hearts full of sadness.



The Guards Are Posted

Why were the leaders so worried?

The next day, something strange happened. The chief priests and Pharisees—the leaders who didn't believe in Jesus—went to see Pilate again. "We remember," they told him, "that Jesus said He would rise from the dead after three days. We're afraid His friends might steal His body and trick people!" They were so worried about Jesus' words that they asked Pilate to put guards at the tomb. They even put a seal on the stone, like a special mark that showed: "Don't touch this!"

Pilate told the leaders, "Take some soldiers and guard the tomb yourselves. Make it as secure as you can." So they went and posted guards—strong soldiers standing watch day and night by the big stone. They sealed it carefully, thinking nothing could possibly happen. But they didn't know what God had planned! Soon, something wonderful would show everyone that Jesus' promise was true.

Jesus Kept His Promises

- Jesus said He would rise again, and the leaders remembered His words
- Even people who didn't believe in Jesus knew what He had promised
- God's words always come true, even when it seems impossible



Final Question

Will you believe Jesus promises that he will rise from the dead even when it seems impossible?



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