

Legacy Building!!!

John 19: 38-41

Let's focus on the Resurrection and the immortality of the surrounding personalities!

Let's examine their Legacy!

Joseph of Arimathea — It was not in his power to stop the conviction and the execution of Jesus but what was in his power was:

1. He wanted to administer love to the dead body of Jesus (with fine linen, according to Mark).
2. His fear kept him in secret till he saw Jesus die and then he could not stay silent.

His Legacy is that He ministered to the body of Jesus with fabrics and love but the biggest gift was that he was going public with his faith.

Nicodemus — His Legacy is like Joseph's. He is part of the ones who were willing to love only after the crucifixion. He purchased 100 lbs. of spices for the dead body of Jesus, an amount for a King – but his greatest gift was his publicly identifying with Jesus.

John the Apostle --- What did John do on Saturday? That is his greatest Legacy.

*Three years earlier he left his career to follow Jesus.

*A few days earlier he was part of the parade of praise that was given for Jesus.

*The same crowd that praised his Master on Sunday condemned him on Friday.

But John's greatest Legacy was:

1. He was at the feet of Jesus
2. He was trusted with Jesus' Mother
3. Whatever he did on Saturday, it wasn't to run. We have no passages to read about Saturday. We have no knowledge to share but we know this: when Sunday morning came, he was still there. Jesus did not need to go and look for Him.

John's Greatest of all Legacies is that he is one we all wish we could have modeled.

Mary Magdalene — the woman who had 7 demons cast from her.

She, out of all the followers of Jesus would not be considered the most important to Jesus. She lived most of her life under the influence of Hell's demons. A woman on top of that, yet Jesus rescued her and she never recovered from that rescue.

Matt. 27: 55-56 "And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him. Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Joses, (Mark mentions Salome) and the mother of Zebedee's children."

Matt. 28: 1 "In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (Mark tells us that it was the mother of Joses) to see the sepulcher." **Notice... She was mentioned first!**

Mark 15: 47 "And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses beheld where he was laid." **Notice... she is mentioned first!**

Mark 15: 9 "Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, **he appeared first to Mary Magdalene** out of whom he had cast seven devils."

Luke 8: 2 Luke tells us that she had been healed of evil spirits and that she ministered to Him of her substance.

John 20: 18 "**Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord**, and that he had spoken these things unto her." (Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou? She supposing him to be the gardener said unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him and I will take him away.") "**Then Jesus said unto her Mary**, (vs 16) and she turned herself and saith unto him, Rabboni, which is to say, Master."

Mary from Bethany

She makes three appearances:

1. She appears for Instruction (Luke 10: 38) — Confrontation about the kitchen
2. She appears for Comfort (John 11: 28) --- Crying out in disappointment
3. She appears for Service (John 12: 3) -- Remembered forever!

"Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this." The account of Matthew 26: 13 tells us that Jesus said "Verily I say unto you, Whosoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, that shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her."

Exodus 3: 15 Moses was told that as he went into the halls of Egypt to challenge Pharaoh that it would be a memorial to him.

Exodus 12: 14 the day of the Passover was a memorial to all Israel...

The issue is what God considers legacy worthy....

Joseph of the Old Testament and Joseph of New Testament and now Joseph of Arimathea...
Nicodemus, John the beloved, Mary Magdalene, Mary of Bethany...

Revelation 14: 12-14 "Blessed are those who die in the LORD, for their works do follow them."