

For the week of March 25, 2018
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Dealing With Death

Seventh week in the series: *The Final Hours*

Matthew 27:57-66

The unthinkable has happened. Jesus is dead. The one who performed miracles and spoke words of life has succumbed to death. In three scenes we see different reactions to the death of Jesus. We'll see what two powerful men did and how two women responded. As we do, we'll ask questions about our own response to pain and suffering. How do we deal with death?

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you sometimes deal with pain by taking action as Joseph of Arimathea did? Are there ways that you sacrifice something to make it real to you that something terrible has happened?
2. Do you sometimes deal with pain by trying to avoid it as the priests and Pharisees did? Do you recognize their desperate attitude?
3. Can you imagine yourself sitting in grief at the tomb of Jesus. Are you able to stay when things are painful or confusing? Why or why not?
4. How does our hope in the resurrection of Christ allow us to face his death without running from the pain in our lives and the people around us?