

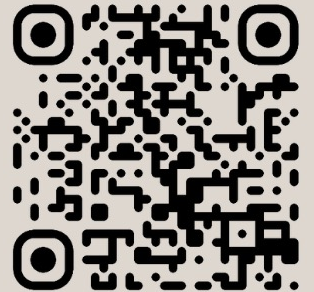
# YEAR-END GIFT UPDATE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

**YEG Goal: \$42,150**

**YEG Total: \$147,203**

AHEAD OF BUDGET FOR  
FISCAL YEAR



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# JOHN 19:38-42

SCRIPTURE READING

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# Good News has 3 key components:

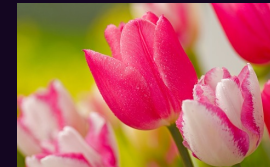
1. News- faithfully describes an event
2. Good- it benefits the hearer significantly
3. Applicable- it can be taken advantage of



Testimony



Grace



Faith



# Herald – “evangelist”

1. **Testimony**- here is what happened
2. **Significance**- This is a big deal and here's why
3. **Invitation**- This is how you would believe & benefit

**The Death and Burial of Jesus is part of this good news.**

1. Testimony
2. Significance
3. Invitation



# POINT 1

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## Testimony:

# Jesus was buried by Joseph in a tomb

Jesus' dead body was buried by identified men  
in a secure tomb, corroborated by 4 written  
accounts.

# Jesus was taken from Cross to Tomb by Joseph of Arimathea

**John 19:38**

*"Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away."*

Corroborations:

**Matthew 27:57-61** *"his own new tomb...rolled a stone."*

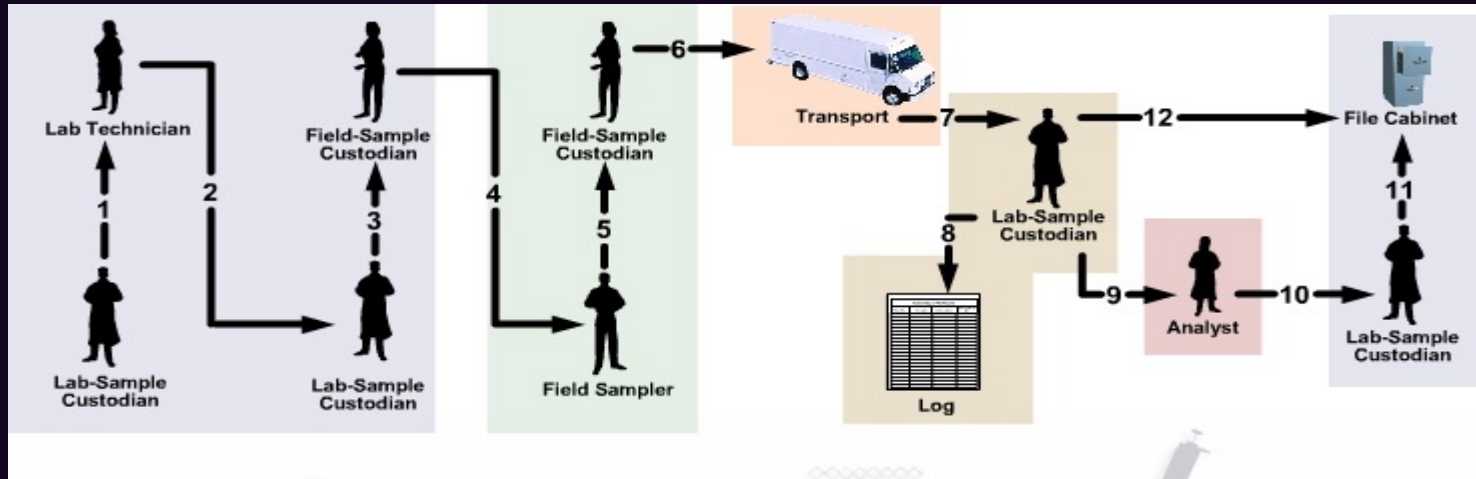
**Mark 15:43-47** *"cut out of rock...rolled stone..." 2 Mary's witnessed.*

**Luke 23:51-56** *"laid in a tomb in rock...no one had been laid."*

All 4 mention Joseph of Arimathea by name.



# Chain of Custody is clear & simple




Jesus' death and burial are among the most attested facts in the narrative of the resurrection because of these men.




# Confirmations through Joseph and Nicodemus:

1. Jesus was dead, killed by crucifixion
2. A disciple able to make positive identification
3. Extravagant honor would not be given to another
4. Oversaw the burial personally
5. Completed the burial in a secure and empty carved rock tomb with rolled stone seal (very rare)

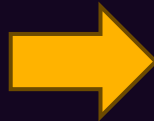


Had this not happened, Jesus' body would not have been as secure, and the resurrection less clear.



# Historical argument for the Resurrection:

Jesus was dead and was buried in a secure tomb.



Jesus was seen alive by a group of his followers who claimed he had risen from the dead.

# Who is this for?

First century Christians that saw Jesus alive didn't need a chain of custody or a secure tomb to know they had seen Jesus alive. Joseph, not anticipating the resurrection, could not have known what he was providing.

This act of defiant dignity was part of God's providence serving later generations of believers.



Us.

## POINT 2

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Significance:

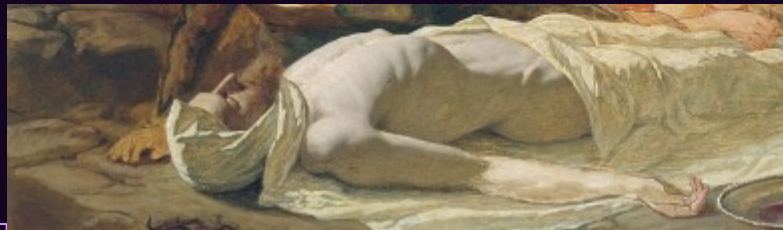
**Jesus' greatest power  
is in his goodness**

Two men in power finally stood up to power  
when Jesus had no power left to give.

# If not then, why now?

**John 19:38-39**

“Later, *Joseph of Arimathea* asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was *a disciple of Jesus*, but secretly because *he feared the Jews*. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by *Nicodemus*, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, *about seventy-five pounds.*”





# The Dead Prophet

Jesus, having been good in the face of power, frees two men that thought they were good, but worshiped the idol of power. They tried to have God and Mammon.

The dead body of Jesus is his last challenge to them:

Is the body of Jesus garbage?



## POINT 3

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Response:

**It's not too late  
to believe, if you  
are willing**

They did what act of faith they still could when it was too late.  
They became heroes of the faith and your servants.



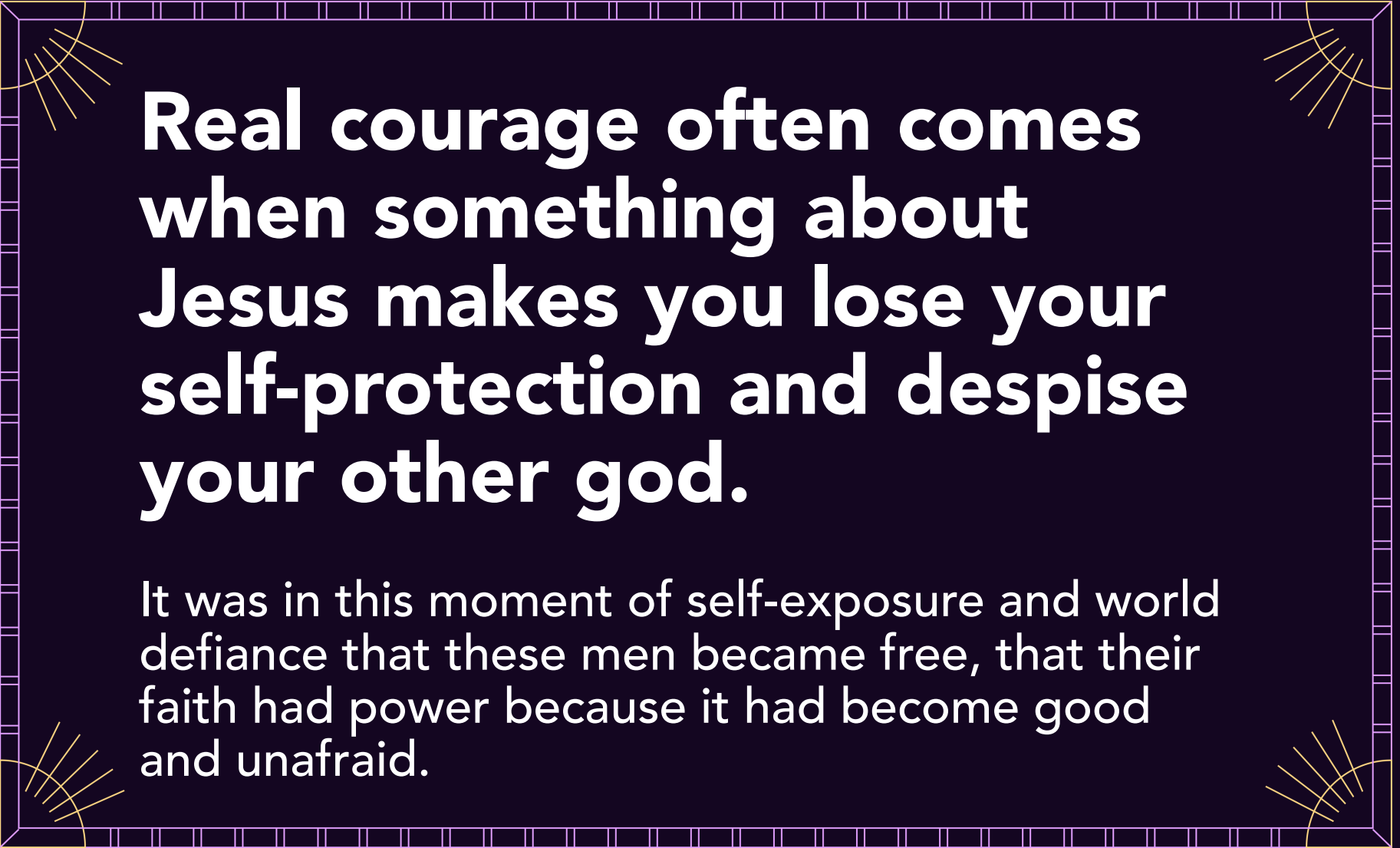
# Can you be any more too late?

Jesus is dead.  
You had three years.  
You were in the room of  
his trial.

What are you going to  
accomplish now?  
It's over.

What do you think Jesus  
would say to you?





**Real courage often comes  
when something about  
Jesus makes you lose your  
self-protection and despise  
your other god.**

It was in this moment of self-exposure and world defiance that these men became free, that their faith had power because it had become good and unafraid.



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