

John: The Gospel of Light and Life, 19:31-42

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. In the beginning of this passage the Jews, who previously appeared unconcerned that they were crucifying an innocent man, are concerned with seeing a crucified body on the Sabbath. How can Christians today be blind to wrongdoing while they set out to worship?
3. Paul lists the death, burial, and resurrection as core elements of the Gospel in 1 Cor. 15:3-4. Why might burial be listed alongside death and resurrection?
4. Is it possible to be a "secret" disciple of Jesus (vs 38)? Explain.
5. What do Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus risk through their actions in verses 38-42? What have you risked for your faith?
6. Where do you see Christians are likely to face increased risk for their faith in the next five years? What should be done in light of that risk?
7. How could you use the Gospel of John (vs 35 et al.) to engage with someone who believed that Jesus was simply a good man who died a horrible death?
8. What can you purposefully do this week to be a visible follower of Christ in your family, vocation, or activities?