



DAY #4 – LESSON PLAN – “A New Tomb”

Bible Story – John 19:38-42 and Luke 23:50-54 – The Burial of Jesus

Memory Verse – 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 *Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;
He was buried and raised on the third day according to the scriptures.*

- **Joseph and Nicodemus (Council Members) Buried Jesus**
 - Jesus had died on the cross that afternoon.
 - But now what? Who would bury Jesus’ body?
 - Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus were members of the Jewish High Council
 - Joseph of Arimathea went and begged Pilate to release the body of Jesus to him
 - He and Nicodemus planned to bury Jesus
- **Jesus was Buried in a New Tomb**
 - Joseph of Arimathea had a new tomb that had never been used
 - He and Nicodemus placed Jesus’ body in this new tomb
 - But first the two men wrapped Jesus’ body in a winding sheet
 - In which they put 34 Kilograms (75 pounds) of myrrh and aloes (spices)
 - This was the common burial practice of the Jews
 - *(Remember myrrh from the Christmas story? The wise men brought gold, frankincense and myrrh to baby Jesus as gifts.)*
 - Then Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus placed Jesus’ body in the tomb.
- **A Boulder was Used to Cover the Opening of the Tomb**
 - The tomb was like a small cave, carved out of the rock
 - The body was placed in the tomb (cave)
 - The opening was covered with a huge stone (boulder) that was rolled into place
 - *(There is a picture of this type of tomb at the top of this page!)*
- **Guards Were Placed to Watch over the Tomb of Jesus**
 - The Jewish leaders remembered that Jesus had said He would rise on the 3rd day
 - They asked Pilate to place a guard at the tomb and watch over it
 - They didn’t want anyone taking the body and claiming He had risen again
 - Pilate said for them to go and make the tomb as secure as they could and watch it.
 - So, the guard was placed at the tomb to watch over it.
 - Now, no one could get in, and no one could get out... or so they thought!
 - But, Jesus would rise again on the third day!!

Pray with the children, thanking God that Jesus came, died, was buried and rose again to save us!
Amen.