

## Scripture Readings:

### Luke 23:44-56 ESV

<sup>44</sup> It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, <sup>45</sup> while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup> Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. <sup>47</sup> Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" <sup>48</sup> And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. <sup>49</sup> And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

<sup>50</sup> Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, <sup>51</sup> who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. <sup>52</sup> This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>53</sup> Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. <sup>54</sup> It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. <sup>55</sup> The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. <sup>56</sup> Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath, they rested according to the commandment.

## Additional Readings

Mark 15: 33-47

Matthew 27: 45-66

John 19: 28-42

## Digging Questions:

1. Whose tomb was Jesus laid in?
2. What was the significance of the day they buried Jesus?
3. What day followed this day?
4. What were the Jews doing on the day following Jesus' burial?

## Reflection Questions:

1. How do you think Jesus' followers felt following His death and burial?
2. Did Jesus do what they expected Him too? What did they expect?
3. How do you imagine they spent that day of rest?
4. Does the Lord always move as we expect Him in our lives?
5. Describe a time in which things didn't go as planned but worked out for the better.
6. What are some ways we can leave room for God in our plans and in our lives to do something unexpected?