JOSEPH

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- 1. Rich (Matt. 27:57)
- 2. Disciple of Jesus (Matt. 27:57)
- **3. Member of the Sanhedrin** (Luke 23:50; Mark 15:43)
- 4. Good and righteous man (Luke 23:50)
- Had not consented to the council's decision to execute Jesus (Luke 23:51)
- 6. Looking for the kingdom of God (Luke 23:51; Mark 15:43)
- 7. Fearful (John 19:38)

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[37] And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. [38] And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. [39] And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" [40] There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome.

Mark 15:37-40

[34] And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. [35] For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. [36] For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?

Mark 8:34-36

[7] But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. [8] Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ [9] and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—[10] that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, [11] that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3:7-11