

JOSEPH OF ARIMATHAEA JN 19:38-42\

What do we learn about the man?

1. JOA was a disciple / believer!

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John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

As a young man I learned that these were 2 different groups:

Believers → saved

Disciples → saved OR serious/surrendered

I then had to unlearn this stage Christianity

Christians are called many names:

- Christians
- Believers
- Disciples
- Followers of the Way
- Saint
- Elect

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

2. JOA was a disciple caught in between the ages

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Luke 23:51 (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) he was of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: **who also himself waited for the kingdom of God**.

Luke 2:25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, **waiting for the consolation of Israel**: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. Luke 2:26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

Luke 2:36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; Luke 2:37 And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. Luke 2:38 And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, **and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem**.

The Jews of Jesus' day were of many varieties (As are "Christians" today):

- Liberals → such as the Sadducees, family of Annas
- Cultural Jews / Jewish
- Unsaved, works-based Jews → such as Nicodemus
- Saved Jews → waiting for the promises to be fulfilled & the Messiah to come
- JOA was part of the historical transition

3. JOA was a disciple caught in between powers | power players

His entire story is played out in a struggle of powers & a life and death struggle. Very d

Findings:

- He was rich
- He was a member of the Sanhedrin (Council)
- He did not consent to the illegal & irrational verdict & activities of his counselors

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➤ **He existed mostly in the shadows as a secret disciple**

Was this a...?

Compliment

Criticism

Neutral

4. JOA was a disciple who recognized & honored Jesus as Messiah & King

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John 19:39 And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight. **John 19:40** Then took **they** the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. **John 19:42** There laid **they** Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

Matthew 27:57 When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:

Matthew 27:58 **He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. Matthew 27:59**

And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, **Matthew 27:60** And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

Mark 15:43 Joseph of Arimathaea, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, **and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus. Mark 15:44** And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead: and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead. **Mark 15:45** And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. **Mark 15:46** And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre.

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John 9:22 These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, **that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.**

John 12:42 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should **be put out of the synagogue**:

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Luke 23:1 And the whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto Pilate. **Luke 23:2** And they began to accuse him, saying, **We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King.**

The danger was from every side.