

Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy, honorable, and secret disciple of Jesus, was described as "looking for the kingdom of God," meaning he eagerly awaited God's promised reign, a hope that motivated his courageous act of burying Jesus' body in his own new tomb after the crucifixion, showing integrity and faith despite risks. He was a respected member of the Jewish council (Sanhedrin) but disagreed with their decision against Jesus, ultimately using his influence and resources to honor Christ and provide a proper burial, fulfilling prophecy and demonstrating true discipleship. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

Who He Was:

- **Rich & Honorable:** A wealthy man and prominent member of the Jewish ruling council (Sanhedrin).
- **Secret Disciple:** He followed Jesus but kept his faith hidden due to fear, notes [Wikipedia](#).
- **Righteous Man:** Described as good and upright, he didn't consent to the council's plot against Jesus. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

"Looking for the Kingdom of God":

- This phrase signifies his deep hope for God's coming rule and fulfillment of promises, aligning him with the true Israel, notes [Bible Hub](#). [2, 5]

His Courageous Act:

- After Jesus' death, Joseph "took courage" and went to Pilate to request Jesus' body, a bold move for a council member.
- He bought fine linen, took Jesus' body, wrapped it with spices (with help from Nicodemus), and placed it in his own new, rock-hewn tomb before the Sabbath, reports Wikipedia. [3, 4, 5, 6, 7]

Significance:

- His actions demonstrated profound faith, honor, and willingness to sacrifice for Christ, notes [YouTube](#).
- He provided Jesus with a dignified burial, setting the stage for the Resurrection, and serves as a model for silent devotion and acting on one's faith, say [YouTube](#) and [YouTube](#). [1, 3, 5]

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[1] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0VrKEGmWtq4>

[2] <https://biblehub.com/luke/23-51.htm>

[3] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ieh5zjN-apk>

[4] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_of_Arimathea

[5] <https://theologyofrisk.com/blog/joseph-of-arimathea-waiting-acting>

[6] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BMcktWyRJXk>

[7] <https://www.bibleref.com/Mark/15/Mark-15-43.html>