



**Lesson:** Two hundred sixty two  
**Series:** The Cross of Christ  
**Title:** The Burial of Christ, Part 2  
**Text:** Matthew 27:61-66  
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**God rules the world by two interrelated means:**

**Miracles** - God directly overrules the natural course of nature.

**Providence** - God indirectly works in and through events, circumstances, and people.

**There are three scenes and three groups of people:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of Arimathea (57-60)

*Isaiah 53:9 His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.*

**We cannot be confident in \_\_\_\_\_  
prophecy if we do not believe in sovereign providence.**

## 2. Mary Magdalene & the other Mary - (61)

Matthew 27:61–66 And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the grave.

**God's use of man's sinful effort to secure the tomb became the means He used to \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus was indeed resurrected.**

Psalm 76:10 For the wrath of man shall praise You;

### Why was it significant that those women were there?

1. Jewish Law required two witnesses.
2. Women as witnesses were countercultural.
3. God made them first-hand witnesses in the Lord's death and in His resurrection.

### Discussion Guide

1. Two weeks ago we were introduced to the concept of providence. How has that impacted your life since?
2. Verse 61 is an amazing testimony to the honor and dignity of women. Do you believe women are honored today in the church? How about in culture?
3. The idea of providence and how it relates to fulfilled prophecy is an important apologetic. How could you use fulfilled prophecy to convince a skeptic that God controls ALL things.
4. Psalm 76:10 is a hefty verse. Share how that brings us comfort in today's culture?
5. How did today's sermon affect your confidence in God?

**ANSWERS:** Joseph, fulfilled, Marys, chief priests, Pharisees, Saturday, Sabbath, Friday, prove

### Implications

Acts 2:23 this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

“predetermined” [horizo]

“foreknowledge” [prognosis]

*Luke 22:22 “For indeed, the Son of Man is going as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!”*

Acts 4:27-28 “For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, 28 to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur.

“predestined”

3. \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.

62 Now on the next day, the day after the preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered together with Pilate,

“next day”- \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

“after the preparation” - \_\_\_\_\_

“chief priests” & “Pharisees”

Two unusual things occurred

63 and said, "Sir, we remember that when He was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I am to rise again.'

**"Sir" & "that deceiver"**

64 "Therefore, give orders for the grave to be made secure until the third day, otherwise His disciples may come and steal Him away and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last deception will be worse than the first."

**Why did they go to Pilate?**

**"until the third day"**

65 Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go, make it as secure as you know how."

**"You have a guard"**

**"guard" [koustodia]**

*Matthew 28:11 Now while they were on their way, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened.*

66 And they went and **MADE THE GRAVE SECURE**, and along with the guard they set a seal on the stone.

*Daniel 6:17 A stone was brought and laid over the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signet rings of his nobles, so that nothing would be changed in regard to Daniel.*