

The Guard at the Tomb - Matthew 27:62-66

Topics: Authority, Bitterness, Blindness, Deceit, Determination, Effectiveness, Expectations, Hatred, Insecurity, Lost, Opposition, Plans, Power, Protection, Strength, Waiting

Open It

- * 1. If you could have five personal bodyguards (any people on earth) whom would you choose and then where would you go?
- 2. Where do you feel the safest or most secure and why?
- 3. When in your life have you been “taken for a ride”?

Explore It

- 4. When did the chief priests go to Pilate? (27:62)
- * 5. Who went to Pilate the day after Christ was buried? Why? (27:62-63)
- 6. What words of Jesus did the chief priests remember and report to Pilate? (27:63)
- 7. What did the religious leaders call Jesus? (27:63)
- 8. What did the religious leaders want Pilate to do? (27:64)
- * 9. For how long did the religious leaders want help from Pilate? Why? (27:64)
- 10. What were the Jewish leaders afraid would happen if Pilate refused their request? (27:64)
- 11. What were the chief priests afraid would happen if Jesus’ body disappeared? (27:64)
- 12. What command did Pilate give? (27:65)
- * 13. What did the religious leaders do to secure the tomb where Jesus was buried? (27:65-66)

Get It

- 14. Knowing the attitudes and the actions of the Jews, what is ironic about them calling Jesus a “deceiver” guilty of “deception”?
- 15. What man-made precautions are giving you a false sense of security that everything in your life is under control?
- 16. In what ways do we trust in our own plans instead of in God?
- * 17. In what areas of life are we prone to try to cover up the truth?
- * 18. Why are we sometimes afraid to admit the truth?
- 19. What claim or promise of Christ do you need to take more seriously?

Apply It

- * 20. What truth do you need to face today?
- 21. What foolish, fleshly attempts to control God and your own life do you need to repent of today?