

# *Study of Mark 15*

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## *Mark 15:1-47*

*1 And straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Yeshua, and carried Him away, and delivered Him to Pilate.*

This is just one *verse* that does not seem that important in the scheme of things, **BUT** I want you to understand that these people, the people that are consulting together as to what will be the fate of Messiah, represent the religious leaders of the Jewish community, the religious leaders of all of Yisrael, the priesthood. According to Scripture, the Aaronic priesthood, were given the task of teaching **ALL** the people of Yisrael the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, by YHVH Himself, and that Torah, IS, the very same Torah that YHVH gave Mosheh at Mount Sinai, to give to the people of Yisrael, the very same Torah, that became flesh, and that is **NOW**, in their midst, the very same Torah made flesh that they are now consulting over, to have Him, the Words of the Living Torah, carried away and be delivered to Pilate, the Roman governor of Judea. All these religious leaders, of the man made religion of Judaism, **ARE** a metaphor or a shadow picture, of **ALL** man made religions of the world and their leaders, **FOR**, they **ALL** operate by their own wisdom, their own man made doctrines, doctrines that have either added Words to our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, or taken Words away from the Father's Torah of Life, **OR**, have have chosen to totally discard and or reject the Words of His Torah of Life, completely. We, as believers in the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, have to understand, and be very aware, that their man made doctrines are filled with contradictions, misrepresentations, lies, and mixtures, things that YHVH has specifically said are an abomination to Him. The reason, it is important that we understand that these people, who are **NOW** judging Messiah, who **IS** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life made flesh, **REPRESENT** the leaders of **ANY** and **ALL** man made religion, is so that we will be aware, that what they teach **IS NOT** the **PURE** Word of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and. **IF** we are supposed to be seekers of the **TRUTH**, then we cannot rely on **ANY** of their man made doctrines, for, as I said above, their man made doctrines are filled with lies and falsehoods. YHVH has commanded us to be watchmen on the wall, which means that we **HAVE TO BE** the kind of people that study the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, as we are commanded to do in *2Timothy 2:15-16 Study to show yourself approved unto Elohim, a workman that does NOT need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of TRUTH.* (Truth is defined in Scripture as the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, *Psalms 119:142*)

After being sent to Pilate by the High priest and his minions, we are told in *verse 2*  
*And Pilate asked Messiah, Are You the King of the Jews?*

*And Messiah answered and said unto Pilate, You are the one that is saying it. 3 And the chief priests accused Him of many things: BUT Messiah did NOT answer anything.*

To answer questions that have no **truth** to them, questions like the ones of the High priest, or the questions that Pilate is asking, who are people that are mocking Him, is not worth answering, therefore Messiah kept silent.

*Verse 4 And Pilate asked Him again, saying, Are you not going to Answer any questions? Behold how many things they testify against You. 5 But Yeshua **STILL** did **NOT** answer any of their questions; So Pilate marvelled at that fact.*

Pilate marvelled that Messiah did **NOT** even try to defend Himself, nor refute the accusations that were laid against Him, **BUT**, what we have to understand, **IS** that Pilate did **NOT KNOW**, that Messiah already **KNEW**, that He had to go through with His crucifixion, death, burial and resurrection, for that **IS** the Will of our heavenly Father, which Messiah, as an obedient Son, was totally determined in fulfilling, therefore there was no point in answering any of their questions, and Messiah also **KNEW**, that no matter what He answered, it would **NOT** change any of their minds, for what was about to happen to Him, had long ago, been prophesied to happen.

*Verse 6 Now, at that feast (Passover & Unleavened Bread), it was customary for the ruler, to **release** unto the people, one prisoner, whomsoever they desired. 7 And there was one named Barabbas, (Bar Abbas, which means, son of a father, but his given name was, Yeshua) which lay bound with them that had made insurrection with him, with those who had committed murder in the insurrection. 8 And the multitude crying aloud began to desire Pilate to do as he had always done unto them.*

At this point, Pilate could **NOT** see that Messiah had done anything wrong, especially not something worthy of being put to death for, especially, the horrible and cruel death by Crucifixion, so he asks the multitude, in *verse 9 But Pilate answered them, saying, Do you want me to release unto you the King of the Jews?*

We are told why Pilate hoped that the multitude would say, Yes, release the King of the Jews, Messiah, because, *verse 10:*

*For Pilate knew that the chief priests had delivered him because of their **ENVY***

(Envy is th Greek word, Phthónos, Strong's Number G5355, φθόνος, phthónos, pronounced, fthon'-os, and it means, **ill will, jealousy, spite**, a detraction, whereby they could continue to deceive the people about the real **TRUTH**, that Messiah came to teach **ALL** the lost sheep of the house of Yisrael, our heavenly Father's eternal **TRUTH, AND THAT TRUTH MY FRIENDS, IS, THAT**, the Words of the written Torah of YHVH, that were given to Mosheh by YHVH Himself, at Mount Sinai, to give to the people of Yisrael, **ARE ETERNAL**, and that the man made oral torah that the Pharisees and Sadducees believed, taught, followed and obeyed, their man made doctrine contradicts the Words of the Torah of Mosheh in countless places.

*Verse 11 But the chief priests moved (somehow convinced) the people, that Pilate should release Barabbas, (whose given name, as I said above, **IS** Yeshua), instead of releasing Messiah Yeshua, unto them.*

Now it is important that we take the time to realize, that it is the Religious leaders of the man made religion of the Day, who, as I said above, represent **ALL** man made religions, including Judaism, Christianity and Catholicism, that wanted to **RELEASE** an insurrectionist and murderer, whose name is Yeshua Bar Abba, instead of releasing Yeshua, the only begotten Son of our heavenly Father, and our Messiah. They chose Yeshua, the son of a father, rather than choosing Yeshua, the only begotten Son of **THE FATHER**, the **CREATOR of ALL things**, and to this day, **ALL** man made religions, are

still choosing the spirit of Yeshua Bar Abba, when they willingly **REJECT** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, for the rejection of the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, **IS A SPIRIT OF INSURRECTION, AND MURDER**. The insurrection, of course **IS** against the **TRUTH**, the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, and the fact that Yeshua Bar Abba, an insurrectionist and a murderer, tells us, that he is a shadow picture of the one that has come to steal, kill and destroy the people of Elohim, and Peter admonishes us, in *1Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour, murder.*

*Verse 12 And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What is it that you want then, what shall I do unto Him, whom you call the King of the Jews? 13 And they cried out again, **Crucify him.***

Even though I might sound like a broken record, it is very important that we understand that it is the **religious leaders** of the man made religion of the Day, **AND** their followers, that are saying, **CRUCIFY HIM**. Their words, quite clearly show us, that the religious leaders of the man made religion of the day, want to get **RID OF** the Words of the Torah of YHVH, the very same Words that YHVH gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, to give to the people of Yisrael, the very same Words that were made flesh, and that is **NOW** standing in their presence, the very same Word made flesh that they are now unilaterally commanding Pilate, to **CRUCIFY**. Can there be any doubt in anyone's mind of their evil intent? If they are filled with any spirit, we can rest assured that **IT IS NOT** the Holy Spirit of Elohim, which means, that since there are only two spirits in this world of ours, the Holy Spirit of YHVH, and the spirit of evil, the spirit of satan, then, that means that these leaders of the religion of the day, who represent all man made religions of the world, and their man made doctrines, **are filled with the spirit of satan**, and therefore that means, that they are doing satan's bidding, by demanding that Messiah be crucified. You may think that this is very harsh, **BUT** I can confirm to you, through Scripture, that **THIS IS** the absolute **TRUTH**.

*Verse 14 Then Pilate said unto them, **WHY, what evil has He done?***

Even Pilate, a pagan, a totally disinterested individual, could recognize that Messiah had **NOT** done anything wrong, and **YET** the religious leaders of the man made religion of the day, insisted that Pilate **CRUCIFY Him**.

*And they cried out even more loudly, saying **CRUCIFY Him.***

*Verse 15 And so Pilate, willing to keep the people content, released Yeshua Bar Abba unto them, and delivered Yeshua the Messiah, the only begotten son of our heavenly Father, after He had **scourged Him, So that He could be crucified.***

(Phragellōō, Strongs number G5417, φραγελλώω, phragellōō, pronounced, frag-el-lo'-o, it is from a presumed equivalent of the Latin flagellum; to whip, i.e. lash as a public punishment, scourge. Under the Roman method of scourging the person was stripped and tied in a bending position, to a pillar, or stretched on a frame. The scourge was of leather thongs, weighted with sharp pieces of bone or lead, which **TORE** the flesh of both the back and the breast)



They punished Messiah severely, by whipping His flesh with the type of Flagrum pictured above, and it ripped large parts of the flesh off of His back and breast areas, and, after Messiah suffered this unimaginable pain from the flogging, they made Him carry His cross, upon which He was crucified, by driving nails into his hands and feet.

*Verse 16 And the soldiers led Him away into the hall, called Pratorium (Hall of Judgement); and they called together the whole band. 17 And they clothed Messiah with **purple**, (a colour reserved for royalty) and platted (braided) a crown of thorns, and put it about His head, 18 And began to mock Him by saluting Him, Hail, **King of the Jews!***

Yeshua HaMelek (*king*) Ve (of) HaYahudim, (*the Jews*)  
(the first letter of each word, spells the Name YHVH, Yahweh)



The initials **INRI** in Latin, means, Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum, and represents the Latin inscription in *John 19:19* and *Matthew 27:37*, which in English translates to *Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews*, and in *John 19:20* it states that this was written in three languages, the Jewish tongue, Hebrew, with the letters YHVH, in Latin, (INRI) and Hellenic (INBI) Ἰησοῦς Ναζωραῖος Βασιλεὺς Ἰουδαίων—during the crucifixion of Yeshua.

*Verse 19 And they **smote** Him on the head with a **REED**, (which can be as thick and as hard as a stick) and did **spit** upon Him, and **mocked** Him even more by bowing their knees in **feigned** worship to Him.*

Here I can see the type of spirit that we are up against, IS the spirit of satan. It was **NOT** enough that Messiah suffered this unbelievable pain at the hands of the floggers, and at the hands of the Roman soldiers, who put a crown of thorns on His head, and, who then proceeded, to beat Him on the head

so that the thorns would dig deep into His skull, **BUT**, they also had to try and humiliate Him, by spitting in His face, and bowing down to Him, in a mocking fashion, to mock His so called kingship.

This my friends **IS** the spirit that we, as believers and followers of Messiah's Torah obedient Life, **MUST** deal with, on a daily basis, therefore, like Messiah, we too **MUST** be strong so that we can defeat the enemy, and James has admonished us **HOW** we can remain strong in *James 4:7-8 Submit yourselves therefore to Elohim. RESIST the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to Elohim, and He WILL draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double minded.*

*Verse 20 And when they had finished mocking Him, they took off the purple from Him, and put His own clothes on Him, and they led Him out, to crucify Him. 21 And they compelled one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear His cross.*

(Who was this Simon, שִׁמְעוֹן, Shimon, that they compelled to carry Messiah's cross? He was an inhabitant of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus. As it states here in Mark, Rufus is the son of Shimon of Cyrene, along with his brother Alexander, which suggests, that they would have been known to the people, that would read Mark's Gospel. It is believed that Rufus, was a person that walked in the Way of Messiah, a believer, that Paul sent greetings to, in *Romans 16:13*. Paul refers to him as, chosen of YHVH, suggesting, that this Rufus and his brother Alexander were true believers, and Paul, even says, that Rufus' mother has been a mother to him also. It is inferred that Shimon and his family, Alexander and Rufus, were originally from eastern part of the Empire and had there, hosted, and also helped Paul in his ministry.)

*Verse 22 And they brought Him unto the place Golgotha,*

(גִּלְגֹּלֶת, Gulgolet, means skull, head, pulley, block, it is from the word Galal, which means to roll, especially large stones, he rolled, rolled away, it also means, square hewn stones, which means stones ground by turning, but it also means, dung, and as a preposition, it means on account of, because of, for the sake of)

*Which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull. 23 And they gave Him wine mingled with myrrh to drink: BUT He did NOT accept it.*

*Verse 24 And when they had crucified Him, they parted His garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take.*

Here, we can see what the world thinks of Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh, for they are **NOT** at all concerned with what is happening to Messiah and the pain and suffering that he is going through, they appear to be only interested in how they can enrich themselves, by laying claim to His physical garments, which points to the fact, that they are only interested in their own material well being and **NOT** their spiritual well being.

*Verse 25 And it was the third hour (is nine o'clock in the morning), and they crucified Him. 26 And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS.*

(Yeshua HaMelek Ve HaYahudim, which is an Acronym for the letters YHVH, which is the tetragramaton of the Name Yahweh)

Verse 27 And with Him they crucify two thieves; The one on His right hand, and the other on His left.  
28 And the Scripture was fulfilled, which says, And He was numbered with the transgressors.

Isaiah 53:12 Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He has poured out His soul unto death: and He was numbered with the **transgressors**; and He bore the Sin, the transgressions of the Words of the Torah of YHVH, of many people, and made intercession for the **transgressors**.

Verse 29 And they that passed by railed (blasphemed, vilified, defamed, reviled and mocked) Him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, You that (say, I will) destroy the temple, and build it in three days, 30 Save Yourself, and come down from the cross.

Here we can see, by their words, that many people in the crowd were taunting Messiah, because, in their hard hearts, the only way they would believe that the man on the cross **IS** the prophesied Messiah, **IS, IF** He actually came down from the Cross in a miraculous way. **BUT**, if you recall, Messiah made it quite clear that **NO SIGN** or **WONDERS** would be shown to them, except by false Messiahs.

John 4:48 Then Yeshua said unto him, Except you see signs and wonders, you will **NOT** believe.

Mark 13:22 For false Messiahs and false prophets shall rise, and shall show **SIGNS** and **WONDERS**, to seduce, **IF it were possible**, even the elect. 23 But take heed: behold, I have foretold you **ALL** things. 24 But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, 25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven **SHALL** be shaken. 26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. 27 And then shall He send His angels, and shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

Verse 31 Likewise also the chief priests **mocking** Messiah, said among themselves with the scribes, He saved others; **BUT**, He **CANNOT SAVE HIMSELF**.

It is so very evident to me, that the leaders of the man made religion of the day, are the people that needed and craved **Signs** and **Wonders** in order to believe. However, as Messiah said in *John 4:48*, quoted above, He is **NOT** about to give them any type of **SIGN** or **WONDER**, that they seem to **NEED** to believe, because, they have a wicked heart, that is filled with contempt for the things, the Dabar of our heavenly Father.

2John 1:6 And **THIS IS LOVE**, that we walk after YHVH's Commandments, walk in obedience to **ALL** the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life. This **IS** the (same) Commandment, That, as **YOU** have heard from the **beginning**, **YOU** should walk in it. There is nothing **NEW ADDED TO, NOR TAKEN AWAY** from the Torah, for the Torah **IS** YHVH's **ETERNAL** and everlasting Truth.

Next these Religious leaders continue their mockery of Messiah and say something that confirms to me, that they actually needed to **SEE** signs and wonders in order to believe: Verse 32 Let Messiah the King of Yisrael descend now from the cross, that **WE** may **SEE** and **BELIEVE**. And they that were crucified with Him **reviled** Him.

*Verse 33 And when **the sixth hour** (noon) was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the **ninth hour** (three o'clock in the afternoon).*

What does the darkness that came over the city of Jerusalem for **three hours represent**? It is a metaphor, for what the world would be like, without the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, in it. It would be total and everlasting darkness, a place that would be void of the Light of the world, and that means, that the earth would melt with a fervent and destroying heat

*Verse 34 And at the ninth hour Yeshua cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloy, Eloy, lama sabachthani? Which is, being interpreted, My Elohim, My Elohim, **WHY** have You forsaken Me?*

(In Hebrew it is the Words, אלהי אלהי למה שבק, Elah Elah Lamah Shabaq, where the word Elah means, to worship as a deity, deify, the word Lamah is from the word Mah which means, what, which, how, why, wherefore, how much, and the word Shabaq, means, to leave, let alone, forsake, left behind)

Here, we have to understand that Messiah, the words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, who for eternity, up until the time of His crucifixion, had **NEVER** been separated from the Father, **BUT NOW**, as a man, who has willingly taken on the Sin of the world, He is experiencing, what sinful men, men who reject, disdain and abhor the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, will experience, because of their choice to **abandon** the Words of our heavenly Father and His Ways, for they too, like Messiah will be **abandoned** by the Father. In Messiah's case it is only for an instant, **BUT**, for men and women who wilfully reject and or abhor the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, that abandonment, will be permanent and they will be lost forever. Please understand, that it was **NOT** enough for Messiah to suffer all the tremendous physical pain that He did, He also had to suffer **in the spiritual realm**, and feel what it would be like to be **abandoned** by the Father, because, as I said, that is what **WILL** happen to all of the people who have chosen to constantly rebel, reject, disobey, and constantly transgress the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, for they too, will be rejected and **abandoned** by our heavenly Father. It is not difficult to understand, for our heavenly Father has made it very clear, that **IF** we **REJECT** and **abandon** the Words of His Torah of Life, then He will reject us. YHVH has **designed** our world to be reciprocal, what we project is what we receive, project good, receive good, project evil, receive evil, people will **ALWAYS** reap what they have sown. Amen

*Verse 35 And some of them that stood by, when they heard Messiah, said, Behold, He calls Elias (Elijah).*

As you know, at Passover, there is a cup of wine that is poured out and left for Elijah, for we are told in

*Malachi 4:5 Behold, I, YHVH, will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of YHVH: 6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.*

Therefore, since this is happening at Passover, some people, when they heard Messiah utter these words, believed that Messiah was calling Elijah to come and help Him, and because of it, we are told in *verse 36 And one person ran, and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave it to Messiah to drink, saying, Leave Him alone; let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.*

These people are acting like many of the Christians have acted over the past millenniums, they are **ALL** looking for **Signs** and **Wonders**, looking for some kind of miracle, **BEFORE** they will believe, **BUT**, as you know, or should **KNOW**, that is **NOT** the kind of heart that YHVH is looking for, YHVH is looking for surrendered hearts that **BELIEVE**, hearts that do **NOT** need signs and wonders, **BECAUSE** they know in their hearts, that the Word of YHVH, the Words of His Torah of Life made flesh, **IS** the one and only **SIGN** that the Father will give us. Therefore, **IF** anyone chooses **NOT** to believe that Messiah **IS** indeed the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh, then those people, will continuously be looking for **SIGNS** and **WONDERS** that will never come. However, Scripture makes it very clear, that there will be many **FALSE** messiahs, who will indeed come, with all kinds of **SIGNS** and **WONDERS**, which means that many, many people will be deceived **BY** these **FALSE** messiahs, **because** they are forever searching for **Signs** and **Wonders** to help them believe; which means, that they **IF** they do **NOT** change their way of **LIFE**, and willingly choose to surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to YHVH, and then begin to willingly and lovingly believe that Messiah is indeed, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh, which **IS**, the One and only Sign that YHVH will give us, and then commit to believe, follow and obey the Words of His Torah of Life, then, on judgement day, they will be sent right into the lake of fire, and experience the second death, which means that they will be lost forever. Amein

*Verse 37 And Yeshua cried with a loud voice, and gave up His Spirit, He died. 38 And the veil of the temple was **RENT IN TWO** from the top to the bottom.*

The Temple in Jerusalem, **IS** the House of Elohim, and the Veil on the doors of the Temple **IS** a picture of the Garments of our heavenly Father, and the **FACT** that we are told that the Veil was rent in Two, **IS** a picture of our heavenly Father, in agony, at the treatment that His only begotten Son is receiving from His created human beings, who Put Him to death on the cross, tearing His Garment in two.

It expresses His utter disappointment in most of mankind, for it is because of the Sin, the transgressions of the Words of His Torah, by all of mankind, that this had to happen to Messiah, so that some of the people could be saved. When I say that this happened so that **SOME of the people can be saved**, it is because of what Messiah said in:

*Matthew 7:12 Therefore **ALL** things whatsoever you want, men to do onto you, do these things onto them: for this **IS** the Torah and the prophets.: 13 Enter you in at the **STRAIT GATE**:*

***WHY DOES Messiah want us to enter at the straight Gate?***

*For **WIDE** is the gate, and **BROAD** is the **WAY**, that leads to **destruction**, and **MANY** there are, who go in thereat: 14 Because **STRAIT IS THE GATE, AND NARROW IS THE WAY**, which leads unto (everlasting) life, and there are **FEW** that find it. 15 Beware of **FALSE** prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, **BUT** inwardly they are **ravening wolves** (these ravening wolves, are shadow pictures of any and all leaders of any man made religions).*

*And in Matthew 15:24 But Messiah answered and said, I am **NOT SENT, BUT** unto the **lost sheep of the house of Yisrael**.*

As you can see, there is **NO** mention of any of the man made religions, such as Judaism, Christianity, Catholicism or any other man made religions. YHVH/Messiah, makes it very clear, that He has **ONLY** come for the people of the house of Yisrael. That makes it very clear to me, that **IF** anyone wants Messiah, to come for them, **THEN** they had better learn, how to become part of the Family of Yisrael, or else, they **WILL** be left behind, and lost forever.

*Verse 39 And when the centurion, who stood over against Messiah, **SAW** that He cried out in that manner, and that He had given up His Spirit, he said, Truly this man **WAS** the Son of Elohim.*

Even a pagan person, like this Roman centurion, could tell that Messiah was something or someone very special and that the events that were happening, while He was on the cross, were indicative that He was someone other than just an ordinary man, and the centurion somehow **KNEW** that Messiah was very special, and in his limited understanding of deities (gods), he believed that Messiah was indeed the Son of Elohim.

*Verse 40 There were also women looking on afar off: among whom was Mary Magdalene, (She was called Mary Magdalene because she was a native of Magdala, on the west bank of the sea of Galilee, 3 miles NW of Tiberius. According to history, the moral corruption of Magdala was notorious. Yeshua healed Mary of mental illness (Luke 8:2, Mark 16:9). This means, that she was, an invalid that was healed, and that she was not a rescued social derelict. There is no evidence, that she was promiscuous, much less, that she was a harlot for hire. That she was a person of means was evident from her ability to support Yeshua. Her obvious leadership among the women, hardly reflects a scarlet past. She is mentioned more often than most of the other believing women, and usually mentioned first. A dozen references show her as being healed from her infirmities (Luke 8:2), following Yeshua and ministering to him (Matthew 27:56) beholding the crucifixion from afar (Mark 15:40) standing by the cross (John 19:25) locating the tomb (Matthew 28:1; Mark 15:47) watching the Tomb (Matthew 27:61) coming early to the tomb with spices (Mark 16:1; John 20:1), being first to see the risen Messiah (Mark 16:9) and reporting the resurrection of Messiah to the disciples (Luke 24:10; John 20:18))*

*And Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses,*

(This Mary, was one of the Galilean women, who, having been healed of her infirmities, followed Yeshua and supported Him, financially, (Mark 15:40, Luke 8:2-3). It is interesting to note that two mothers, along with their sons, thus joined the group, and at least three of the four sons became apostles. According to the record, this Mary accompanied Yeshua to Jerusalem, (Matthew 27:56, Mark 15:41), witnessed the crucifixion (Matthew 27:55), joined in the securing of spices for anointing Messiah's body, (Mark 16:1, Luke 23:56) saw the empty tomb, and heard the angelic announcement that Yeshua was resurrected (Matthew 28:1-7, Mark 16:2-7, Luke 24:1-7) reported to the apostles what she had seen and heard (Matthew 28:8, Luke 24:9-11) and even saw the resurrected Yeshua (Matthew 28:9-10)

*And Salome;*

(Was one of the women who followed and ministered to Messiah in Galilee, she witnessed the crucifixion, and afterwards, went to the tomb to anoint His body (Mark 15:40-41; 16:1) She is identified as the wife of Zebedee, and therefore, she is the mother of James and John. Her request for prominence of her sons in the kingdom of Elohim, was rebuked by Messiah and

drew the indignation of the other disciples (*Matthew 20:20-24, Mark 10:35*). Many infer from *John 19:25* that she was the sister of Mary, the mother of Yeshua, but others take the phrase, His mother's sister, as a reference to Mary the wife of Clopas.)

*Verse 41 (Who also, when Messiah was in Galilee, followed Him, and ministered unto Him;) and many other women which came up with Him unto Jerusalem.*

Messiah had many people that truly believed all the words that He spoke, and they ministered to Him on a daily basis, and these women were part of the people that willingly ministered to Him.

*Verse 42 And now, when the even was come, because it was the preparation day, the day before the High Sabbath, Verse 43 Yoseph of Arimathea, (is also Ramah, therefore he is also known as Yoseph of Ramah, רמיה), who was an **honourable counsellor**, who also waited for the kingdom of Elohim, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and desired the body of Yeshua. 44 And Pilate marvelled that He, Messiah was already dead: and he called the centurion to him, and asked him whether Messiah had been dead long. 45 And when Pilate knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Yoseph.*

Now to understand the significance of this particular bit of information, about Yoseph of Arimathea, we have to understand that the name Arimathea is also known as, Ramah. Now with that information in hand, let us look at the prophecy that says that Yeshua, the Messiah, would be buried in the tomb of the rich (*Isaiah or Yeshayahu 53:9; Matthew or Mattityahu 27:57; and Luke 23:51*). Why was Yeshua placed in the tomb of Yoseph of Arimathea? First of all, we are told that Yoseph of Arimathea was a wealthy man, who could afford to have his own separate sepulchre, so that covers the part of the prophecy that says, He, Messiah, would be buried in the tomb **of the rich**, but, what about being buried with the wicked? How is the Tomb of Yoseph of Arimathea, a tomb of the wicked? As I said above, Arimathea was another name for Ramah, where Samuel dwelt. It is five miles north of Jerusalem. In fact, this place is still called Ramah today. In ancient times, it was customary for Jews to be buried in Jerusalem (Yerushalayim). In fact, this practice is still done today because it is a traditional belief in Judaism that the resurrection of the dead will take place in Jerusalem (Yerushalayim) first.

In the Book of Genesis or Bereshit, Yoseph, (Yoseph, the son of Ya'aqov, caused the children of Yisrael to take a vow, that when they went to the Promised Land, they would carry his bones with them (*Genesis or Bereshit 50:24-26*). History tells us that Ramah, was a term that represented idolatry. Two countries were called the seat of idolatry in the ancient world: Babylon and Egypt. Yoseph, the son of Ya'aqov, was also known as Yoseph of Ramah. Mosheh took the bones of Yoseph with him, when he and the children of Yisrael journeyed to Succoth (*Exodus or Shemot 13:19-20*). Therefore, Yoseph's tomb in Egypt was **EMPTY**. The **empty** tomb of Yoseph of Arimathea, or Ramah, which is a name that stands for **evil wickedness**, was a fulfillment of *Isaiah, Yeshayahu 53:9 And He made His grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.*

Yoseph, Ya'aqov's son, was a shadow picture of Yeshua, during His first coming, when He came to fulfill the role of the suffering servant, known as Messiah Ben Yoseph. The bones of Yoseph, Ya'aqov's son, were carried to Succoth. Succoth is a type of the Messianic age also known as the Millennium. This is also a picture of Yeshua being both Messiah Ben Yoseph and Messiah Ben

David, which tells us, that as Ben Yoseph, Yeshua suffered during His first coming to earth, **BUT**, that at His second coming, He will be King over all the earth.

Therefore, we can conclude that the **empty tomb** of Yoseph, the son of Ya'aqov, who was also known as, Yoseph of Ramah, was a prophecy of the **FACT** that Messiah, who is known, as the Messiah Ben Yoseph, the suffering Servant, that His Tomb, would also be **empty**. The name Ramah, as I said above, was also known as the seat of Idolatry, which is what the Pharisees and Sadducees, who put Messiah in the Tomb in the first place, were practising, for they were **evil**, and Messiah will **NOT** have anything to do with anything or anyone that is evil.

Now let's continue with *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.*

In this description of what Yoseph of Arimathea is doing to Messiah's body, we can see the love and respect and great admiration that he had for Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh.

*Verse 47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses beheld where He was laid.*

Today you and I are sitting in the comfort of our home, and, we all profess to believe that Messiah **IS** the Words of our heavenly Father made flesh. Now with that in mind, try and imagine yourself in the place of these women, who have been ministering to Messiah for a long period of time. Now with that picture in your mind, I want **YOU** to imagine, that you, are at the site, where Messiah is being crucified, and that **YOU** see the condition of His body, how badly beaten and bruised it is, then, in your minds eye, you see the Priests and the Scribes mocking Him, then the soldiers take their turn at mocking Him, while **YOU** are there watching, how does that make you feel? Do you now understand a little bit, what these poor women, who loved and honoured Messiah, were going through? I sure hope that you do, because, that will give you the proper perspective on how we are all to feel about being part of the reason, that Messiah had to be crucified. And, if that is not bad enough, after they have finished mocking Him, they **crucified** Him to a cross. YHVH wants **YOU** to see this event as **IF YOU** were there, watching the Son of the Creator of the universe, **DYING** on the cross. That my friends is how we absolutely have to view the crucifixion of Messiah, as **IF** we were actually there, for **IF** you cannot place yourself there and truly experience, in a real sense, the pain and suffering that Messiah went through for **YOU**, I don't think that the full impact of Messiah's sacrifice, will ever mean to **YOU** what our heavenly Father intended it to mean, for Messiah's selfless sacrifice, and the incredible amount of physical and spiritual pain that He suffered in our stead, shows us, how **MUCH** they, both the Father and the Son, **LOVE US**, and how they want us to **KNOW** and truly experience that type of Love, for I believe that every soul longs to **KNOW** that their Creator loves them. Amein

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*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may YHVH bless your every thought,  
and your every deed. Until we meet again. Amein*