

## The One Jesus Loved Loved Into Faith

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<sup>57</sup> As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup> Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. <sup>59</sup> Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, <sup>60</sup> and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. <sup>61</sup> Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb. **Matthew 27:57-61, NIV**

Jesus' short time on this earth ended tragically with him being buried as a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>1</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" **John 20:1-2, NIV**

There is room for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ on Easter morning.

<sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. **John 20:3-5, NIV**

The one that Jesus loved is \_\_\_\_\_.

In his account, he paints himself as a \_\_\_\_\_, at best, and even a \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the **strips of linen lying there**, <sup>7</sup> as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, **separate from the linen**. **John 20:6-7, NIV**

Jesus left John and Peter some \_\_\_\_\_.

Easter Egg - a reference \_\_\_\_\_ in a scene.

1. The grave clothes were \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The grave clothes were "\_\_\_\_\_".
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ was in its place (and folded).

<sup>8</sup> Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. **He saw and believed**. <sup>9</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. **John 20:8-10, NIV**

John was \_\_\_\_\_ into faith. Jesus was patient with him and gave him the \_\_\_\_\_ he needed to believe.

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written **that you may believe** that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. **John 20:30-31, NIV**

The one that Jesus loves is \_\_\_\_\_.

God has given me Easter Eggs in the \_\_\_\_\_ so that I may know that he rose from the dead and \_\_\_\_\_.

### MEMORY VERSE

<sup>8</sup> Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. **He saw and believed**. **John 20:8, NIV**

**Bottom Line:** I am the one that Jesus loves. He gives me the pieces of evidence I need to know him as my Savior and to have life in his name.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.