

Word of the Week – Corona SDA CM Family, November 6, 2025

Greetings, C.M. Family!

A very Happy Thursday to you all! I pray you are well.



In reading through the story of Jesus' death this morning, I was hopeful that Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent religious leader who had the opportunity to put aside his fear of what others thought of him and step out in faith, would do so.

The apostle John writes that Joseph had been a secret disciple of Jesus. How sad that all this time he kept quiet about his belief all because he was afraid of losing his status in society. I know that it is a lot to lose, but he had so much to gain by accepting Jesus and living his faith out loud. We read that Joseph, along with Nicodemus, another leader, approached Pilate boldly, asking for the body of Jesus. What we don't know is if Joseph expressed his belief in Jesus to Pilate. Pilate was likely familiar with the Jewish custom to remove the bodies from the cross before the Sabbath and especially over the Passover and so he granted them permission to do so.

It seems to me that Joseph and Nicodemus had the personal privilege of removing Jesus' body, preparing him for burial according to the Jewish custom with the application of myrrh and aloes and then wrapping him in a linen cloth and placing his body in a new tomb nearby. And this is the last we read of them in the Bible. What happened to them next is not written. I am hopeful that their boldness continued into publicly testifying of their belief in Jesus as the Son of God.

This world is getting darker and darker, and we must be bold in our faith no matter what. There is a rise in persecution of Christ followers across the globe. I am reminded of Jesus' words in Matthew 5:

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

It is my prayer that we stay close to Jesus in Spirit and in Truth, reading, studying, meditating on His Word and praying. Also, that we shine our light for the world to see so that they too can come to know the one true King who gave His life for all.

No matter what, shine bright!!!!!! We have so much to gain that is not of this world.

Have a blessed day, everyone. Love to all!

Growing in Christ,
Kelly

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it."
Proverbs 22:6