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How the Righteous Respond
Luke 23:50-56

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1. Fearlessly _____ (vv.50-53)

Luke 23:50 Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, **51** who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. **52** This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. **53** Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. **54** It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. **55** The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. **56** Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment. (ESV)

2. Sympathetically _____ (vv.54-56a)

3. Obediently _____ (v.56b)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Ephesians 2:8-10**. What are the two distinct ways we are to understand the role of "good works" in this passage and why is this distinction so important? What is the problem when one or the other is misunderstood?
2. Read **2 Timothy 1:8-13**. How does fear and timidity affect the doing of what is good and righteous? What kind of pressures or threats tempt you to be ashamed of following Christ and doing his work in your daily environment?
3. Read **Romans 12:15-16** and **1 Peter 3:8**. What are some of the things that keep you from being more sympathetic and responsive to the hurts, needs, and pains of God's people? How can you counter those excuses so that you will love sympathetically?

4. Read **Luke 6:46-49** and **Acts 5:29**. What would you say to a churchgoer who selectively obeys God's word because he thinks some of the Bible's commands are inconvenient?

<p><i>This Week's Bible Reading Schedule</i></p> <p>January 13th <i>Gen.31-32 & Mt.10:24-42</i></p> <p>January 14th <i>Gen.33-35 & Mt.11</i></p> <p>January 15th <i>Gen.36-37 & Mt.12:1-21</i></p> <p>January 16th <i>Gen.38-40 & Mt.12:22-50</i></p> <p>January 17th <i>Gen.41 & Mt.13:1-32</i></p> <p>January 18th <i>Gen.42-43 & Mt.13:33-58</i></p> <p>January 19th <i>Gen.44-45 & Mt.14:1-21</i></p> <p>January 20th <i>Gen.46-48 & Mt.14:22-36</i></p>
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This Week's Compass 20/20 Discussion Question

- Read **Acts 20:24-30**. What is it about our Compass 20/20 goals that gives you hope that we will produce more Christians and church leaders who think like this?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 06-02 – **Seeing My Salvation as the Fulfillment of the Sabbath**
Msg. 06-34 – **Why Don't We Have to Keep All Those Old Testament Ceremonies?**
Msg. 17-33 – **The Impact of Repentance**
Msg. 16-14 – **Producing Evidence of Spiritual Life**
Msg. 05-02 – **Learning the Art of Biblical Compassion**
Msg. 11-09 – **Empathy for God's Embattled People**
Msg. 07-33 – **Sacrifice Instead of Selfishness**

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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Rhodes, Ron. **What Happens After Life?** Harvest House, 2014.
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Tozer, A. W. **The Pursuit of God**. Reprint. Christian Publications, 1982.