



FACT SHEET **TOMB**

Luke 23:50-53

Read It:

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Talk It:

Have you ever given something very valuable away?

Know it:

There was often no room for Jesus. There was no room in the inn when Jesus was born, and there was no tomb for Him when He died. Joseph of Arimathea had been watching from the sidelines. The Bible does not mention this man earlier, but Joseph stepped into the story at this point. He offered a place for Jesus' body for a final resting place. Tombs or graves were not inexpensive. Usually when a person bought a burial spot, it was well thought out.



In Jesus time, a grave was not for just one person but for an entire family. This grave given by Joseph was a new tomb, and no one had been buried there before Jesus. It was a generous gift. After Jesus died, His body was placed in the tomb, but as we know, it was not there long. As Jesus tried to tell His disciples beforehand, three days later something incredible happened. On Sunday morning, the stone in front of the tomb was rolled away, and the grave was empty. Jesus had risen from the grave and conquered death! Jesus claimed to be God, and then He proved it. Only God can raise Himself from the dead!

Go Do It:

Joseph gave something up because he loved Jesus. What can you give up to serve Jesus? Maybe you could give time to God – the time you spend in front of a television or playing video games. Maybe you have a coat you could give to someone in need. We should follow Joseph's example and willingly give to God even those things that are most valuable to us.