

The Book of Mark:

Something Interesting, Something Vital

With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

³⁸ *The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.* ³⁹ *And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"*

⁴⁰ *Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome.* ⁴¹ *In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.*

⁴² *It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached,* ⁴³ *Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body.* ⁴⁴ *Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died.* ⁴⁵ *When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph.* ⁴⁶ *So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.* ⁴⁷ *Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.*

Mark 15:38-47 (NIV)

SOMETHING INTERESTING: _____ PLAYED A KEY ROLE.

! AS KEY _____.

Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Luke 10:41-42 (NIV)

! AS KEY _____.

SOMETHING VITAL: OUR _____ PUT JESUS ON THE CROSS.

*But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.*

⁶ *We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.*

Isaiah 53:5-6 (NIV)

*For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
1 Corinthians 15:3 (NIV)*

Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you."²⁸ This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Matthew 26:27 (NIV)

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

1 Peter 2:24 (NIV)

*But your iniquities have separated
you from your God;
your sins have hidden his face from you,
so that he will not hear.*

Isaiah 59:2 (NIV)

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Hebrews 4:13 (NIV)

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:14-16 (NIV)