

Life Application Questions

June 20, 2021

“The Cross Changes Everything”

John 19:38-42

1. According to John 12:42-43, why did many Jewish leaders keep their faith in Jesus a secret?
2. Do you find it difficult at times to share your faith in Jesus? Why do you think that is? Are any of your reasons rooted in the fear or praise of man?
3. What did Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus risk by requesting Jesus' body, and therefore aligning themselves with the crucified Christ? What was their gain? (see Philippians 3:7-8)
4. What seems to be the turning point for Joseph and Nicodemus? How do their incredible sacrifices and offerings indicate a transformation in their allegiance?
5. When we experience a conflict between our allegiance to Jesus or something else (ex: safety, security, comfort, approval, job, finances, political party, spouse, etc.) what is the determining factor for our loyalty? What do our allegiances say about who/what we love most?
6. How does meditating on the sacrificial death of Jesus transform our allegiance and free us from the approval of man?