

Matthew 27:62

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Chuck Smith's sermon on Matthew 27:62 explores the futile attempts of the authorities to seal Jesus in the tomb and the implications for believers today.

Scripture: Matthew 27:62

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Description

Chuck Smith discusses the futile attempts of the religious leaders to seal Jesus in the tomb, driven by their fear of losing authority and exposure of their hypocrisy. Despite their efforts to secure the tomb with a large stone and a guard, their plans ultimately failed in the face of divine power. Smith draws parallels to modern society, where people still attempt to suppress the truth of Christ to maintain their lifestyles, using arguments and theories to entomb Him again. He emphasizes that no matter how secure they think they are, God's power will always prevail, reminding us of the imminent return of Christ.

Transcript

"MAKE IT AS SURE AS YOU CAN."

I. WHY WOULD THEY WANT TO SEAL JESUS IN THE TOMB.

A. He was a threat to their life style.

1. They were ruling over the people.

2. They maintained their authority by keeping the people in ignorance and superstition.

3. Jesus was ripping off their veneer, exposing them for what they were.

a. Until Jesus came along people though they were pretty holy people.

b. He called them hypocrites. whited sepulchers.

B. They had finally used their authority and with lies, deceit and mob madness had engineered the death of Christ.

1. 50 deep was their hatred and fear they desired to seal Christ within the tomb.

2. And Pilate said, "Make it as sure as you can."

II. THE PURE FOLLY OF THEIR ATTEMPTS.

A. They rolled a huge stone over the door.

1. Can't you see them all straining?

a. OK on the count of three.

b. Try it again now.

2. Push fellows stain, make it as sure as you can.

B. They then sealed the stone.

1. Some fellows brought up the mortar.

2. They had good mortar in those days.

a. Our attempts to pry a rock out of the aqueduct at Caesarea built about same time.

3. Use an extra strong batch boys "make it as sure as you can."

C. "They set their watch."

1. The company of soldiers to guard it night and day.

2. The bravest and the strongest of the troops.

3. With their shields, spears and swords ready to ward off any women who might try to steal the body.

4. On guard boys, flex, "make it as sure as you can."

III. THEIR TOTAL FAILURE 28:2 - 4.

A. What can the strongest mortar or the strongest stone do in the face of a great earthquake?

B. What are the bravest or toughest soldiers in face of an angel of the Lord.

C. Man had done his best to keep Christ in the tomb but there was no way.

IV. STILL PEOPLE TODAY ARE TRYING TO SEAL HIM IN THE TOMB.

A. He is antagonist to their chosen life styles.

1. They desire to live by greed and to use others for their own pleasure or gain.

2. He has taught that we should love one another as ourselves. Not exalt ourselves not 1st on our own way.

B. They are doing their best to keep Him in the tomb, they are making it as sure as they can.

1. With their specious arguments and illogical speeches they try to entomb Christ again.

2. We'll explain creation of man with an evolutionary theory. Soon all will reject the myths and fables of the Bible.

C. How foolish man's attempts just about the time he thinks he has succeeded God does some far out thing.

HE'S GOING TO RAPTURE HIS CHURCH.

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