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## A Grave In A Garden

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*In a Silent Tomb*  
*In a Beautiful Garden*  
A GRAVE IN A GARDEN

John 19:38-42

Study of a strange combination. Garden and a Grave.  
Example of antithesis. Garden-beauty. Ugliness of tomb.  
INT:Gardens suggest life and happiness. Grave, death, gloom.  
Joseph known widely. Unselfishness. Otherwise a nobody.  
Story of a new tomb in an old garden. Mankind's story.

I. ISAIAH SAID CHRIST WOULD OCCUPY A BORROWED TOMB. 53:9. NEW.

- A. New tomb because no body had lain there before.
- B. New also because was first to receive body of perfect man.  
 1. From Adam to the generation of Christ men fell to sin.  
 2. Jesus question. John 8:46. "Who convinceth me of sin"
- C. New because first to be captured by its captive. Eph. 4:8  
 1. He broke out of Black Monarch's prison. I Cor. 15:55-57  
 2. Like Samson, took gates of Hell off hinges. Carted off.  
 3. Death, child of Sin. He destroyed mother and child.
- D. New because new to Him. Not His own, but borrowed.  
 1. Borrowed a manger at Bethlehem.  
 2. Borrowed a boat at the seaside.  
 3. Borrowed a colt at the Triumphal Entry.  
 4. Borrowed a room for the instituting of Lord's Supper  
 5. Finally borrowed a cross and a grave. Why so much??  
 a. Three days in tomb too little to merit purchase.  
 b. Few minutes use of colt, boat, room worth little.  
 c. Probably owned less than any man that ever lived.
- E. New tomb because the first and only time Sin buried.  
 1. Penalty for sin was buried in grave with Christ.  
 2. He was sin-offering. Heb. 9:26. Bled in our place.  
 3. We escape death in burial. Rom. 6:17-18. Col. 2:12.

II. JESUS' BURIAL TOOK PLACE IN AN OLD GARDEN.

- A. Garden, well typify world in which He lived and died.  
 1. Weeds of hate and malice grew abundantly. hideous  
 2. Thickets of jealousy and greed choked out flowers.  
 3. Lone gardeners (prophets) had tried but failed.
- B. Jesus restored the garden site to original purpose.  
 1. Uprooted philosophies of men, traditions, customs.  
 2. Cut down barriers between races of men-castes, cliques  
 3. Ploughed under seeds of discord, wars and anarchy.  
 4. Planted a new vision of God. Not hard, but kind.  
 5. Sowed seed of world brotherhood, universal church.  
 6. Looked not in but through the grave. New world.  
 7. Described death as planting for everblooming life.  
 8. His forty days of life after resurrection assured  
 us of place beyond the grave. Graveless Garden.

Rom. 6:3-4

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GROWING

INV: What kind of garden you living in? Flowers of consecration, obedience and living faith? Or garden of weeds; doubts, uncertainty, fear of the grave. Assure your future home by B\*R\*C\*B.

Erring: All look toward the grave now. Some will look back in next world. Sinners will remain. Repent and Pray. FIERY & VAPE.