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Death Was Arrested
John 21:1-8





Of all the clothes we know Jesus **ACTUALLY** wore from the eyewitnesses, the most revealing, the most intriguing, perhaps the most significant, are the grave clothes.





John 20:39-40

"Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs."





John 21:1-8

“So Peter and the other disciple (that’s John) started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen (the grave clothes) lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb.”





John 21:1-8

He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head.

The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw, and he believed.”



**1. The Grave clothes are a WHISPER,
“The Story is not over yet...
there's more...”**





John 20:5

*“(H)e bent over and looked in at the
strips of linen lying there
but he did not go in.”*





**Where in your life
have you hoped and lost?**





**2. The grave clothes are EVIDENCE
of the historicity of the resurrection.**





Mark 9:30

"He said to them, 'The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.' But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it."





John 20:6-8 (NASB)

*"...he saw the linen wrappings lying there,
and the face-cloth which had been on his head,
not lying with the linen wrappings,
but rolled up in a place by itself.
John saw them (=the linens) and believed."*





NT Wright:

"The only rational explanation for the sudden and explosive rise of Christianity in the ancient world, is that its founder and leader really did rise from the dead. There were many other would-be messiahs whose names we don't remember. But the fact that 2,000 years later we are still talking about this man Jesus is the most convincing evidence for the plausibility of the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth."



Romans 10:9

*"If you declare with your mouth
Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart
that God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved."*





**3. The grave clothes are An INVITATION
to follow Jesus.**







John 21:19
Then Jesus said to him, "Follow me!"





Romans 10:9

*"If you declare with your mouth
Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart
(whisper, whisper) that God raised him
from the dead, you will be saved."*





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