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**Jn. 19:38**

*Joseph, a Secret Disciple*

Intro

**A. WHY DOES JOHN GIVE US THIS INFORMATION ABOUT JOSEPH?**

**B. JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA**

1. He was from Arimathea.

2. He was a rich man (Mt. 27:57).

3. He was a member of the Sanhedrin (Lk. 23:50).

4. He was a good and righteous man who had not consented to the Sanhedrin’s plan and action to put Jesus to death (Lk. 23:50-51).

5. He was waiting for the kingdom of God (Lk. 23:51; Mk. 15:43)

6. He was a secret disciple (only John tell us this, Jn. 19:38).

**C. WHAT IS A SECRET DISCIPLE?**

1) A definition.

2) The reason for being a secret disciple: FEAR.

3) Some “secret disciples” are not true disciples (Jn. 12:42-43).

4) Some “secret disciples” are true believers.

**D. HELP FOR SECRET DISCIPLES.**

1. God loves you.

2. Boldness comes through being filled with the Holy Spirit. *Acts 1:8*

3. Do not fear man, but God. *Prov. 29:25*

4. Draw near to the death of Christ.

Conclusion