


"God resists the proud,
but gives grace to the humble."
1 Peter 5:5

Matthew 26:57-68

- The high priest
 - Scribes
 - Elders
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- "and all the council"
vs. 59
- One man from this council, an unknown, will have the courage to take action, Joseph of Arimathea - Matthew 27:57-60

Courage To Take Action

Matthew 26:57-68

- Joseph's courage to take action is recorded by all 4 Gospel writers:
 - Matthew 27:57-60, a disciple (not mentioned until now)
 - Mark 16:43-46, prominent council member
 - John 19:38-39, fear of the Jews
 - Luke 23:50-53, had not consented to their decision

"Now when the chief priests, the elders,
And all the council sought false testimony
Against Jesus to put Him to death"

Matthew 26:59

Courage To Take Action

The text makes us aware of Joseph's

Courage to take action!

- He was a member of the Sanhedrin Council.
- He did not consent to the death of Jesus.
 - He stood against the majority - "all the council"
 - He went against the wishes of the High Priest - Matthew 18:12-14, 19-24
- He had the courage to ask Pilate for the body.
- When the disciples forsook Jesus, Joseph stepped up to take care of His body - Matthew 26:56

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- Joseph, joined by Nicodemus, gave Jesus a proper burial:
 - They anointed his body with oil of myrrh and aloes, about 100 pounds - aloe weighs 11.4 pounds per gallon, myrrh (?) - both likely liquid (Ester 2:12)
- He buried Jesus in his own new tomb, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah - Isaiah 53:9

Courage To Take Action

Thinking of Joseph, consider, do I have...

Courage to take action!

- The Gospel - Romans 1:16
- Always abounding - 1 Corinthians 15:58
- Strong in His might - Ephesians 6:19
- Humble, vigilant, steadfast - 1 Peter 5:6-9

What must I do to be saved? Acts 16:30

- **Believe in Jesus –**
John 8:24/3:16
- **Repent of Sins –**
Luke 13:3-5; Acts 2:38/7:30-31
- **Confess your Faith in Jesus –**
Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9
- **Baptism for the Remission Of Sins –**
Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38/22:16
- **Live Faithfully for the Remainder of Life –**
Revelation 2:10; James 2:10
- **Remember Matthew 7:21-23 (not everyone, but...)**