

## Mark Your Calendar

Take a look at these many opportunities to serve and spiritually invest in yourself.

3.23.16
Enrichment Night Bible Study 7pm

3.27.16

Easter at LSC: Invite friends & family now! We will have an EGG HUNT for all kids present!

3.28.16 (Moved to Monday for Easter)
West Caldwell Care Center Ministry 2PM

4.1.16
Men's Small Group at Pastor's home

4.8.16
AXIS Prayer at 7pm in the Ministry Center

Going to a Broadway show can make for a delightful evening with friends or the significant other. Yet, I find the intermission time a bit awkward. It seems just as the musical's plot is intensifying there is an unwelcome pause. In this brief time I always wonder what I should do. Is it best to stand on line for ten minutes to wash my hands, or should I buy overpriced souvenirs and candy? We are not well conditioned for waiting. We live in an instant food, instant friend, instant entertainment society now more than ever.

Imagine how the followers of Jesus must have felt after the crucifixion. What were they to do? The religious leaders made plans with the Roman military to guard the tomb. The women who followed Jesus purchased and prepared oils to anoint His body. We can learn about how we should respond when life brings us an 'intermission', or these moments when we don't seem to hear from God, and hope is lost. A man by the name of Joseph of Arimathea asked for the body of Jesus so that he could provide a proper burial for his Lord. A major detail we often overlook is how Jesus would have likely been buried had Joseph not been bold enough, or generous enough to ask for the body of Jesus. Those who were crucified were regarded as criminals, and criminal's bodies were typically buried in a ditch outside the city. Imagine Easter without the tomb, the stone, and the grave cloth that was left behind by the risen Christ. So what are we to do while waiting on God? We should do as Joseph of Arimathea by engaging risks in remaining bold, generous and taking steps of faith with a living hope!

> "Joseph of Arimathea took a risk and went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body." - Mark 15: 43a

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