When it was evening, there came a rich man from Ar-ima-the-a, named Jo-seph, who was also a
disciple of Je-sus. 58 He went to Pilate and asked for the bod-y of Je-sus; then Pilate ordered it to
be giv-en to him. 59 So Joseph took the bod-y and wrapped it in a clean lin-en cloth 60 and laid it
in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of
the tomb and went a-way. 61 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the
tomb. ¶ 62 The next day, that is, af-ter the day of Prep-a-ra-tion, the chief priests and the Pharisees
gathered before Pilate 63 and said, “Sir, we remember what that im-pos-tor said while he was still
a-live, ‘After three days I will rise a-gain.’ 64 There-fore com-mand the tomb to be made se-cure un-
til the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and the last deception would be worse than the first.” 65 Pi-late said to them, “You have a guard of sol-diers; go, make it as secure as you can.” 66 So they went with the guard and made the tomb se-cure by seal-ing the stone.

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