

CARRY THE BODY OF CHRIST

Throughout the Gospels, there are a number of times the Body of our Lord was held by others. During His Presentation in the Temple, the baby Jesus was held by Simeon. For many years, Simeon had awaited the coming of the Messiah.

Christ was carried by animals both during his Flight from Egypt and His Entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. It is interesting to note that the first was to SAVE Him from Death and the latter was to DELIVER Him to His death.

Following His arrest and condemnation, Jesus was bodily abused and crucified by the civil authorities. He was treated like a common criminal.

Upon His death, Christ's earthly body was entrusted to the wealthy Joseph of Arimathea. Misunderstanding that our Lord's Kingdom did not belong to the world, Joseph kindly gave up his burial spot. But Jesus was not destined to remain dead. He could not be contained in a tomb!

The reverent Myrrh-Bearing women thought they knew the correct way to take care of the Lord's body. They came to honor it with anointing, on that early morning. We all know that the tomb was empty.

But the lesson we learn from all these people is that Jesus Christ's Body was not only to be HELD but to be CARRIED FORTH for the salvation of the world. The message of our spiritual rescue from sin and death is all according to God's plan. May we give our possessions towards the use of God, like Joseph of Arimathea did. May we accept a change of plans like the Myrrh-Bearing women were asked to do. Above all, may we willingly receive God into our lives each day.