

# 26-0517a - Detailed Summary

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**Bible Readers:** John Kessler and Roger Raines

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### Scripture Readings

**1<sup>st</sup> Reader** (0:04 - 0:30): John Kessler

**John 11:43-44:** (0:04-1:28) The first Scripture reader, John, read from the Gospel of John chapter 11, verses 43 and 44 in the New King James Version. The passage describes Jesus crying out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth,” after which the dead man emerged from the tomb bound hand and foot with grave clothes, his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus then instructed those present to loosen him and let him go.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reader** (0:35 - 1:28): Roger Raines

**John 19:38-40:** The second Scripture reader, Roger, continued in John chapter 19, verses 38 through 40. This account details how Joseph of Arimathea, a secret disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, received permission from Pilate to take Jesus’ body. Nicodemus, who had earlier come to Jesus by night, brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about a hundred pounds. Together they took Jesus’ body and bound it in linen wrappings with the spices, following the burial custom of the Jews.

## Summary of Transcript (0:04 - 31:39), Preacher: Mike Mathis

### (1:34 - 2:58) Introduction to the Sermon

Preacher Mike greeted the congregation on the morning of May 17, 2026, and expressed prayers for everyone’s health and well-being. He introduced the title of his lesson as “The Grave Clothes of Jesus,” noting that it might seem peculiar but that the topic deserved examination. He observed that Scripture mentions Jesus’ grave clothes in only two places. In Luke 24:12, Peter saw the linen cloths. The second reference appears in John 20. Mike wondered aloud why these details about the wrappings were recorded at all, especially since the accounts focus on the empty clothes rather than the body.

### (2:58 - 5:40) Purpose of the Grave Clothes Account

Mike explained that the recording of the grave clothes serves to counter false reports that seek to undermine belief in Jesus’ divinity, resurrection, and identity as the Son of God. He referenced videos and claims encountered on Wednesdays that attempt to debunk the death and resurrection of Christ. Believers were urged not to listen to such material, as it could weaken faith, and instead to remain grounded in Scripture. Mike emphasized that the grave clothes themselves provide proof that Jesus arose from the dead, and he planned to address various falsehoods aimed at discrediting the events of the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection.

## **(5:40 - 11:33) The Shroud of Turin**

Mike focused on a claim he first encountered in the 1970s: the Shroud of Turin, a cloth found in Turin, Italy, bearing an imprint of a face said by some to be that of Jesus. He noted measurements of the shroud—14 feet 5 inches long by 3 feet 7 inches wide—and described how the body was supposedly laid lengthwise on half the cloth with the other half folded over to cover the face. Mike stated he would not delve into the scientific tests performed on the cloth but would refute the claim that it belonged to Jesus. He stressed that those making the claim lacked knowledge of Jewish burial practices at the time of Christ.

## **(11:33 - 16:02) Jewish Burial Practices and Lazarus Account**

Mike explained the method used in Jesus' day: linen strips were wrapped around the body, including the legs and torso, while a separate cloth covered the face. He referred back to the reading from John 11 about Lazarus, who had been dead four days. When Jesus called him forth, Lazarus emerged bound hand and foot with grave clothes and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus commanded that he be loosed and allowed to go. This demonstrated the typical wrapping procedure.

## **(16:02 - 19:07) Jesus' Burial in John 19**

Turning to John 19, Mike reiterated how Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus prepared Jesus' body by binding it in strips of linen with spices according to Jewish custom. They laid him in a new tomb in a nearby garden because of the preparation day. Mike contrasted this detailed biblical description with the single large shroud claimed to be Jesus' burial cloth.

## **(19:07-26:45) Resurrection Account from John 20**

Using the Tree of Life Version, Mike read the account of Mary Magdalene discovering the empty tomb early on the first day of the week while it was still dark. She reported the missing body to Simon Peter and the beloved disciple (John). Both ran to the tomb. John arrived first, looked in, and saw the linen strips lying there but did not enter. Peter entered and observed the linen strips and, separately, the face cloth that had been on Jesus' head. This cloth was not lying with the linen strips but was rolled up in a place by itself. Mike highlighted that the face cloth was distinct and not attached to the other wrappings. He noted that various translations refer to it as a napkin or handkerchief. These details proved the Shroud of Turin could not be Jesus' burial cloth, as the biblical grave clothes consisted of multiple linen strips rather than one large 14-foot piece.

## **(26:45-31:39) Proof of the Resurrection and Closing Encouragement**

Mike declared that the empty grave clothes, lying as if the body had simply passed through them, provide clear evidence that Jesus had resurrected. No body was present—only the cloths. He acknowledged that dark days followed the crucifixion, leaving the disciples uncertain, but Jesus' resurrection brought victory. This same victory is available to believers. Mike encouraged the congregation to hold firmly to Scripture amid doubts or attacks from Satan, affirming that those who die in faith will rise as Christ did, and those alive at His return will meet Him in the air. He concluded the first part of the lesson, which focused heavily on the Shroud of Turin, and invited everyone to return that evening for Part 2, where additional matters would be examined.