

# The Secret Disciple

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## Introduction

1. John 19:38
2. There are 12 different men named Joseph mention in the Bible according to Lockyer
3. Two of them were directly associated with Jesus, one standing over Him at His birth, the other lovingly taking Him down from the cross at His death.
4. Jesus was born in a virgin womb and buried in a virgin tomb Matthew 1: 23; Isaiah 53:9
5. Let us look at what the Bible say about this secret disciple of Christ

## II Discussion

1. Who He was
  - a. He was an honorable counselor Mark 15:43 thus he was part of the Sanhedrin
  - b. He looked for the kingdom of God Daniel 2:44;7:14; Isaiah 9:6-7; Mark 15:43;
  - c. He was a good and just man Luke 23:50-51 good what he was internally, what he was in himself. Just external conduct – what he was toward others
  - d. He did not consent to the deeds of the counsel Luke 23:51
  - e. He was a secret disciple of Christ John 19:38, why John 9:22; 12:42; yet 3:1
  - f. He boldly begged the body of Christ Matthew 27:57-58; Mark 15:43
  - g. He gave his tomb to Christ Matthew 27:59-60; Isaiah 53:9
  - h. Nicodemus was with him (rich because of the amount of spices) burial of a king
2. We like him could be a secret disciple
  - a. Not letting our light shine Matthew 5:14-16; Luke 11:33
  - b. Not standing for Him Romans 1:16; John 9:22; 7:13; 1 Peter 4:16
    - i. We have no need to fear men Hebrews 13:6; Matthew 10:28
    - ii. Many today might be a secret disciple along with Joseph
    - iii. If we are ashamed of Him, he will be ashamed of us Hebrew 2:11; Mark 8:38
  - c. Desire of popularity John 12:42-43
    - i. Friendship of the world is enmity with God James 4:4; Luke 16:15
    - ii. Our goal is not to please men Galatians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 2:4
  - d. Yet there are some secret things that we are to do
    - i. Giving Matthew 6:1-4 yet known Acts 9:36; 10:2
    - ii. Prayer Matthew 6:5-6 yet Daniel 6:10
3. There are some things that must be done openly
  - a. To contend for the faith Jude 3
  - b. To engage in pure speech Ephesians 4:29; 5:4; Titus 2:8
  - c. To engage in good works 1 Peter 2:12; 3:15; James 2:18; 3:13
  - d. To consider one another Hebrews 10:24-25
  - e. To be kind Ephesians 4:32; 1 Peter 4:9-10; Hebrews 13:2
  - f. To love 1 John 3:16-18; John 13:34-35

## III Conclusion

1. Bold disciples are needed in this world today
2. What kind of disciple are you?
3. Let us be bold and do what is required of us to live for the Lord
4. If you need to come do so now

Sources: All the men of the Bible Herbert Lockyer; Studies in John Denton 1999; Porter sermon