

No Longer Hidden

John 19:25-42

Sermon Points:

| 1. We cannot | who we are. |
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| 2. Our love for Jesus will | • |
| 3. Our love for Jesus will | · |
| 4. We are uniquely able t | oJesus. |

Going Deeper into "No Longer Hidden" – John 19:25-42

Joseph and Nicodemus could not conceal their attitudes toward Jesus forever.

In our passage from today, we see that Joseph concealed being a follower of Jesus out of "fear of the Jews." How are you tempted to hide from others that you follow Jesus?

What do you think about their decision to be known after Jesus was crucified? Was this a noble gesture or foolishness? How do you think this action affected their lives afterward?

Pastor David suggested that it was Joseph and Nicodemus' love for Jesus that motivated them to act. How has your love for Jesus led you to live in such a way that others see your faith?

Luke 8:17 says "nothing is hidden that will not become evident." Read the Parable of the Sower and the Parable the Lamp in Luke 8:4-18.

Which type of soil best describes you today? Are you open to the Gospel? Are cares and concerns choking out your faith? Are you bearing fruit with perseverance?

What connection do you see between "bearing fruit" and being a light on a lampstand that helps others to see?

v. 18 says, "whoever has, to him more shall be given..." How is God giving you more faith and chances to be a light? How is He giving you more ways in which to serve Him?

If you are so inclined, please pray: Heavenly Father, forgive me for the times when I hide my identity in You from others, and for those times when I am embarrassed to call myself a Christian. Please strengthen my faith and help me to display my love for You. Show me how to be a light to others today, and how I can serve You today. Amen.