

disposed." But he went "boldly" into the judgment hall and asked for the body. I like that word "boldly." It is what we all need, boldness. And when they were taking down the mangled body, Nicodemus came out also. I can imagine that when they were taking the body down Nicodemus said, "Joseph, this brings to my mind what He said the first time I saw Him: 'As the serpent was lifted up in the wilderness, so shall the Son of Man be lifted up.' I did not know what He meant then, but I know now." And they got ointment, and spices, and anointed the body, and Joseph bore it away to his own sepulchre. He did not know then what was going to happen in three days, and so his faith is all the more wonderful. He never did anything that made him so unpopular. He no doubt lost many so-called friends. Do you think he has ever during these eighteen hundred years repented that step? How much easier was it for Joseph to lie down in the sepulchre after Christ had been there and risen. Little did he know that the sepulchre was going to be famous throughout the world's history, and that the mighty event would take place on the third day. Everything else that Joseph said and did has been forgotten, yet how brightly that act shines in history. I can imagine a few years afterwards

Joseph dying. He has no fear. He is looking forward to seeing Christ in the world of light, I can imagine, when Joseph's spirit has departed and entered the pearly gates, the Son saying to the Father, "This is the one who took my mangled body down from the cross and laid it in his own sepulchre." Do you think Joseph made a mistake? Will you make a mistake if you ally yourself with God and with his people. May God help you to do what Joseph did - take your stand and let the world know that you are His disciple. I see some boys here. God bless you! You are not too young to confess Christ. Some of the sweetest testimony for Jesus has come from boys. Many men can be reached by the children. These boys may reach their fathers when no one else can. At a boys meeting one of a family which hated me constantly came in to disturb us. I spoke to him kindly, said I was glad he came and I hoped he would come again. His heart was touched, and he became converted. The whole family afterwards came to Christ. Your brothers may have testimony to give for Jesus. I ask you to come out like men and take up the cross and follow Christ."

The Convention was then closed.

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