

# Faces of Faith: Joseph of Arimathea



Oil on Canvas  
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# Reflection Activities

## Visio Divina

Take a few moments to gaze upon the artwork. Sit still in quiet meditation as you observe the visual qualities of what you see: color, line, texture, movement, shape, form. What parts of the image are your eyes most drawn to? What parts of the image did you overlook? If you were to place yourself in this scene, where would you be and how would you interact with what surrounds you?

## Reflection Questions

- Joseph shows up in all four Gospel accounts. We read from Luke 23:50-56. Go read Matthew 27:57-60, Mark 15:43-46, and John 19:28-42 and see what else you discover about Joseph.
- Do you think Joseph is complicit in Jesus' death? Or do you think he did everything within his power to do the right thing?
- Luke 23 says Joseph was "waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God..." and yet he acted very decisively. What does this reveal about God's kingdom and our participation in it?

## Writing Prompt

Imagine you are Joseph presenting a case before the council for why Jesus' life should be spared. What do you say? How do you make your argument? What personal risks do you take?

