

## **SPIRITUAL TASK – DO WE TRY TO ENTOMB THE LORD?**

*They made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard. (Matthew 27:66)*

**Story** The Pharisees were so afraid of the Lord that they not only had Him killed, they also sealed up His tomb and set men to guard it!

**Meaning** Are there ways in which we seek to bury the Lord in our own lives? Do we deliberately turn away from a teaching because it seems difficult to follow or because it tells us to give up an evil action or thought that we cherish? Do we try to push that truth underground, and even set guards around it, so that we don't have to pay attention? Evil spirits are constantly trying to get us to do this, urging us to bury the Lord and His love and truth so deeply and so firmly that He can never rise again in our lives. But this will work only if we let it. And the Lord constantly encourages us to turn toward His life.

**Task** Is there a specific area in your life where you feel like you are trying to "entomb" the Lord? One part where, no matter how faithful you may be in other areas, you don't want to give up your own selfish way? Focus on this area and think of things you can do to allow the Lord to rise in that part of your life.

*An angel of the Lord descended from heaven and rolled back the stone from the door.  
(Matthew 28:2)*