This text points out some less known facts about death and funeral of great Serbian scientists Nikola Tesla. Keeping on mind social and political contexts in which Tesla’s post mortem destiny took place, author offered possible answers on the issues of ideological usage of his work and character. Different features of public discourses about Tesla in different historical periods 1936–2014, as well as various forms of his post mortem glorification were shown. One of the conclusions is related to different status that Tesla’s mortal remains – incinerated two and half months after his death – had in different periods – from complete marginalization in the socialist era in Yugoslavia to main political trump in the time of post socialist transition in Serbia.

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