

Stations of the Cross Part 2

Almighty God,
you have given your only Son to be for us
both a sacrifice for sin
and also an example of godly life:
give us grace
that we may always most thankfully receive
these, His inestimable gifts,
and also daily endeavour
to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

7. Jesus falls the second time

Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

Discuss how the life of Jesus identifies with humanity?

- What? Mary was a pregnant unmarried teenager
Who? *The UK has Europe's highest level of teenage pregnancies*
- What? Jesus suffered betrayal at the Last Supper
Who? *All who are betrayed & suffer grievous loss of trust*
- What? He was born into a politically oppressed culture
Who? *Those who are politically oppressed*
- What? He was a Rabbi in a deeply discriminating society
Who? *Those amongst us who face discrimination*
- What? He loved social outcasts
Who? *The despised, unemployed & lonely*
- What? He suffered a violent death
Who? *Martyrs, victims of war, accident, crime & political violence*
- What? He chose humble men as His disciples
Who? *The humble and contrite of spirit*
- What? He knowingly fulfilled prophecy
Who? *The prophets, and all who long to see prophecy fulfilled*
- What? He was stripped of His garments
Who? *Those who have been stripped of their childhood, property, freedom, or rights, against their will*

How can we relate to these, and yet not sin?

8. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

Luke 23:27-31

A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him.

Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children.

For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!'

Then "they will say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!" For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"



Hosea 10:8

The high places of wickedness will be destroyed - it is the sin of Israel. Thorns and thistles will grow up and cover their altars. Then they will say to the mountains, "Cover us!" and to the hills, "Fall on us!"

9. Jesus falls for the third time

Philippians 2:5-7

In your relationships with one another, have the same mind-set as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.



Luke 14:11

For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

10. Jesus is stripped of His garments

John 19:23-25

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

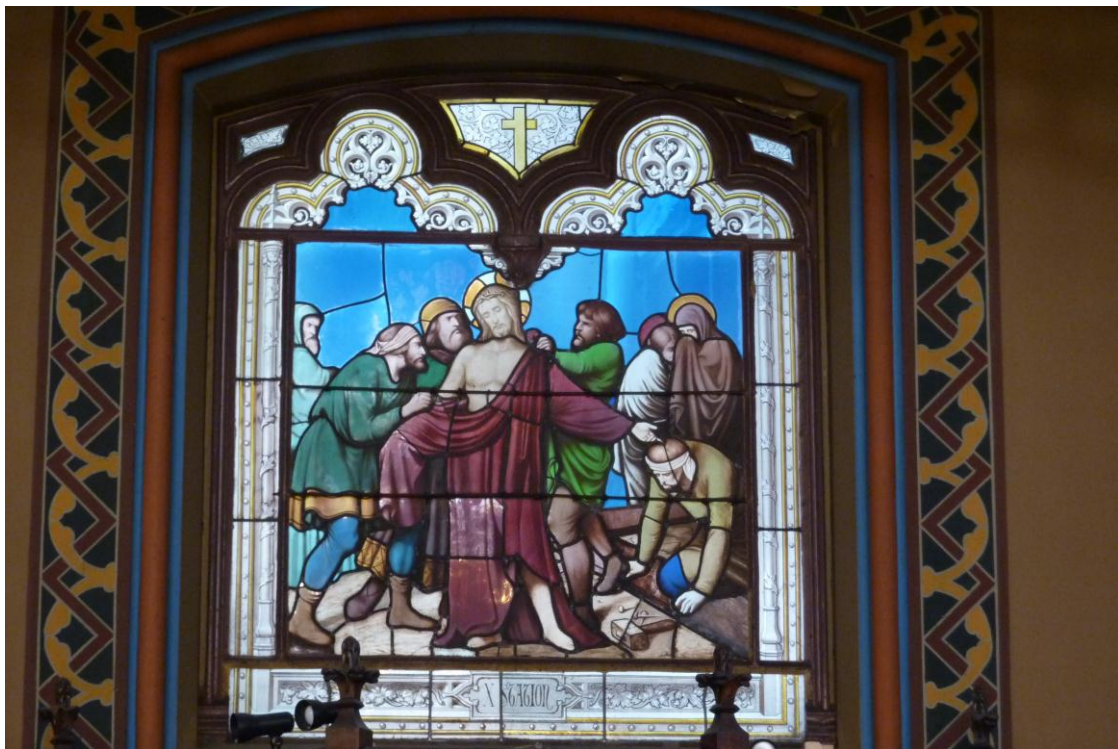
“Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.”

This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said,

*“They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.”
So this is what the soldiers did.*

Luke 14:33

In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have, cannot be my disciples.



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11. Crucifixion: Jesus is nailed to the cross

Psalm 22:17-18

*All my bones are on display;
people stare and gloat over me.*

*They divide my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment.*

Zechariah 12:10

And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.

Luke 23:33

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left.



12. Jesus dies on the cross

Luke 23:46

Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last.

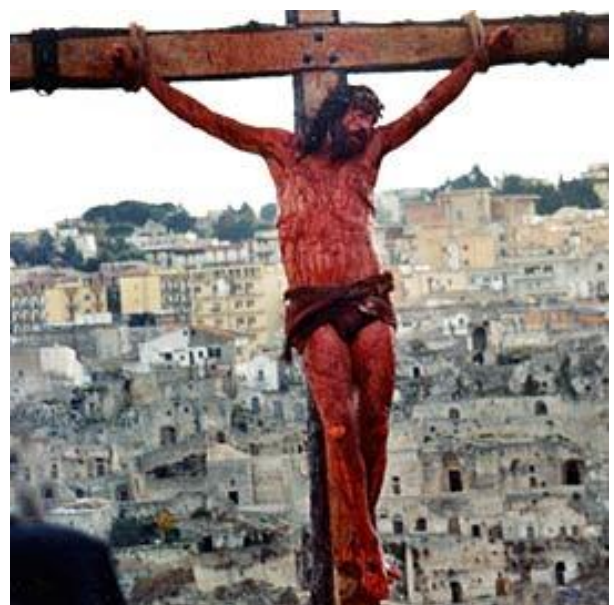
John 19:30

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Philippians 2:8-9

*And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!*

*Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,*



13. Jesus' body is taken down from the cross

Luke 23:50-53

Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea, and he himself was waiting for the kingdom of God. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid.

John 19:31-37

Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

Luke 24:26

Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?"



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14. Jesus is laid in the tomb

Luke 23:54-56

It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin. The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

John 19:38-42

Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

John 12:24-25

Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

Romans 6:10-11

The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

