

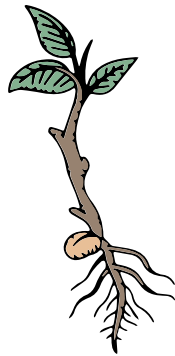
## CLOSING PRAYER

All: Jesus, thank You for loving me so much. May the joy of the resurrection fill my heart.

## PONDER

*Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,  
it remains just a grain of wheat;  
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.*

*John 12:24*



- What happens when a seed falls to the ground and “dies”?
  - How is Jesus’ death like the seed?
  - What is the fruit of Jesus’ death?

## PROJECT NAZARETH

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## PROJECT NAZARETH FAITH BEGINS AT HOME



## The Stations of the Cross

*“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” John 12:24*

### Opening Prayer

All: Dear Jesus, as I journey with You through the stations of the cross help me know how much You love me.

THE FOURTEENTH STATION  
Jesus is Laid in the Tomb



**Leader:** The fourteenth station – Jesus is laid in the tomb.

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

**All:** Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

*(Genuflect or bow)*

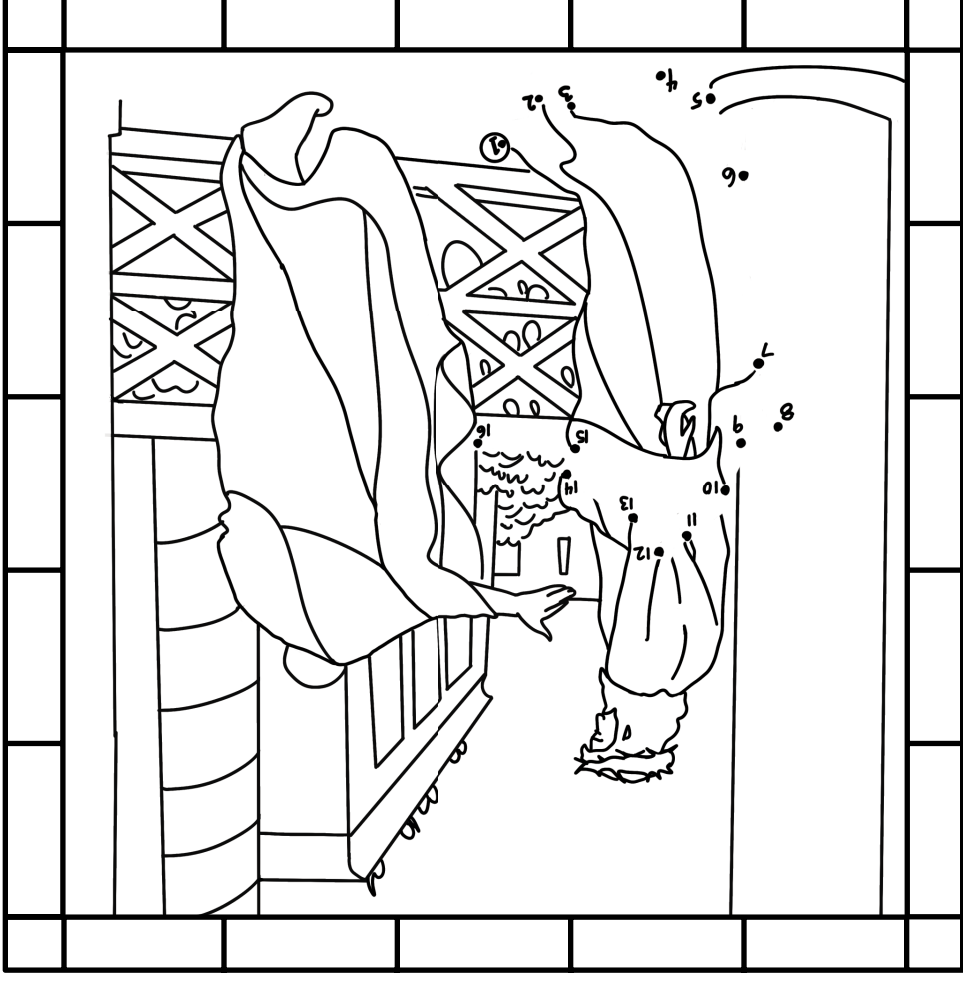
**Meditation**

Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it [in] clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed. But Mary Magdalene and the other Mary remained sitting there, facing the tomb. - *Matthew 27:59-61*

*(Moment of silence)*



THE FIRST STATION  
Jesus is Condemned to Death



**Leader:** The first station – Jesus is condemned to death.

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

**All:** Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

*(Genuflect or bow)*

**Meditation**

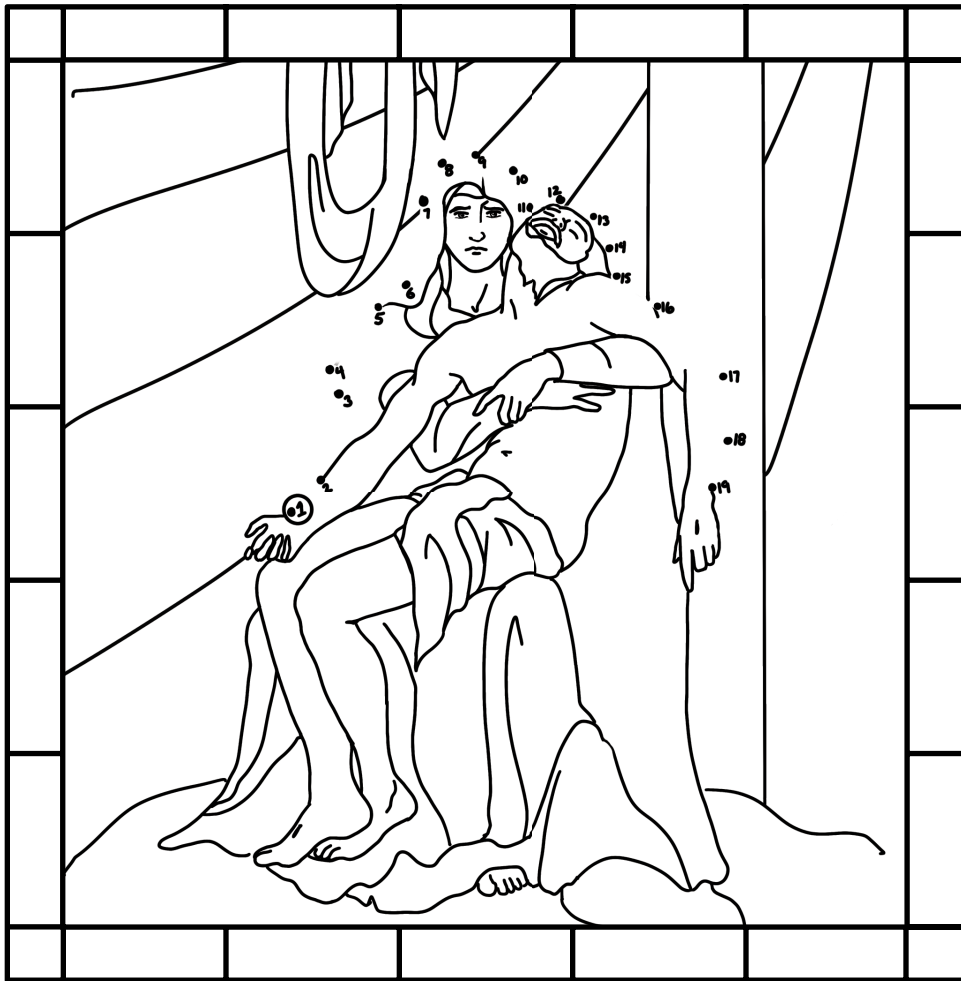
Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Messiah?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" But he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted the louder, "Let him be crucified!" - *Matthew 27:22-23*

*(Moment of silence)*



THE THIRTEENTH STATION

The Body of Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross



**Leader:** The thirteenth station – the body of Jesus is taken down from the cross.

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

**All:** Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

*(Genuflect or bow)*

**Meditation**

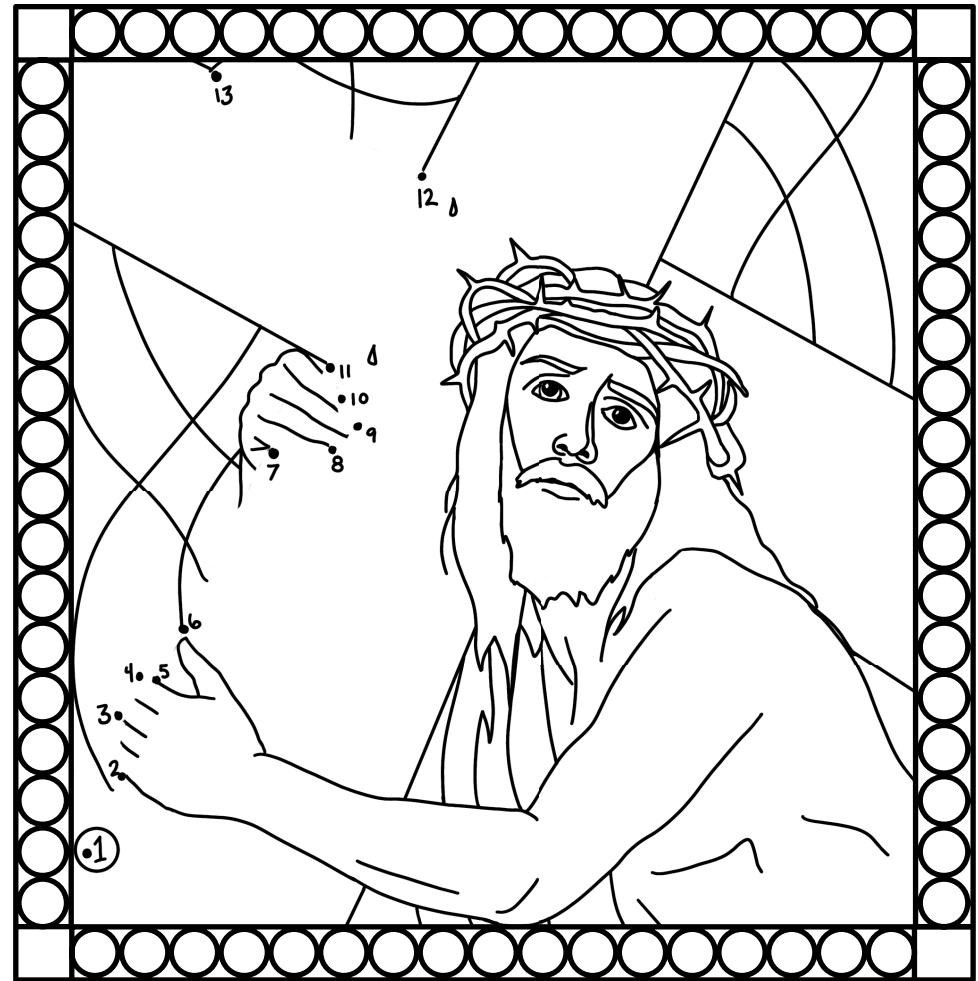
After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body. - *John 19:38*

*(Moment of silence)*



THE SECOND STATION

Jesus Carries His Cross



**Leader:** The second station - Jesus carries His cross.

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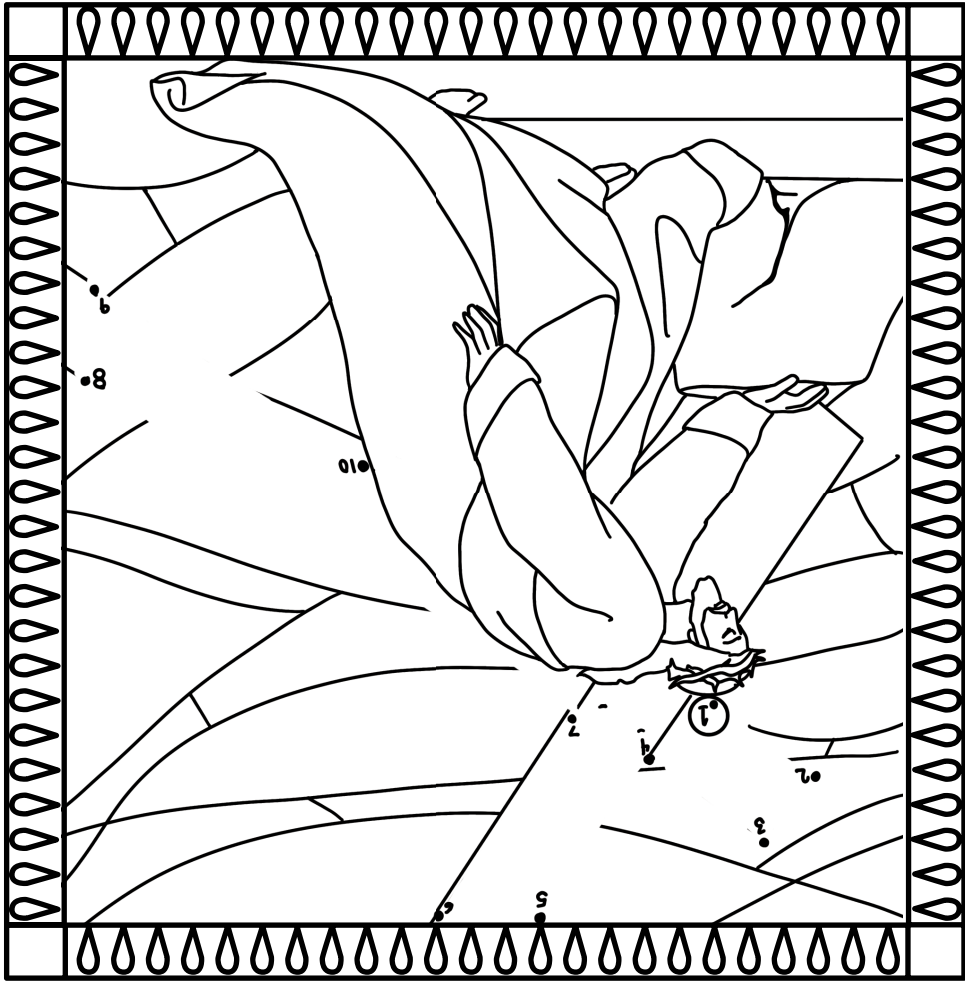
**All:** Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

*(Genuflect or bow)*

**Meditation**

Then he said to all, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. - *Luke 9:23*

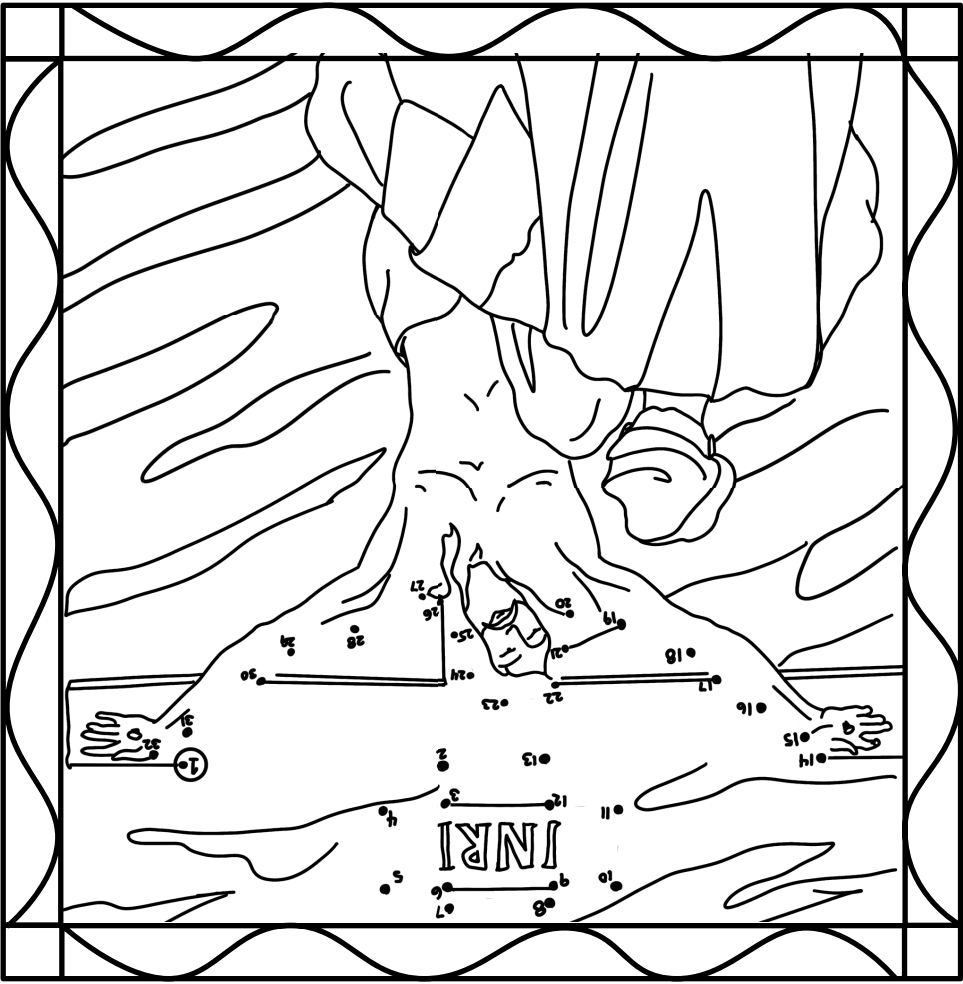
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THE THIRD STATION  
Jesus Falls the First Time

**Meditation**  
 Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. - *John 12:24*  
*(Moment of silence)*

**Leader:** The third station – Jesus falls the first time.  
 We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.  
 All: Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.  
*(Genuflect or bow)*



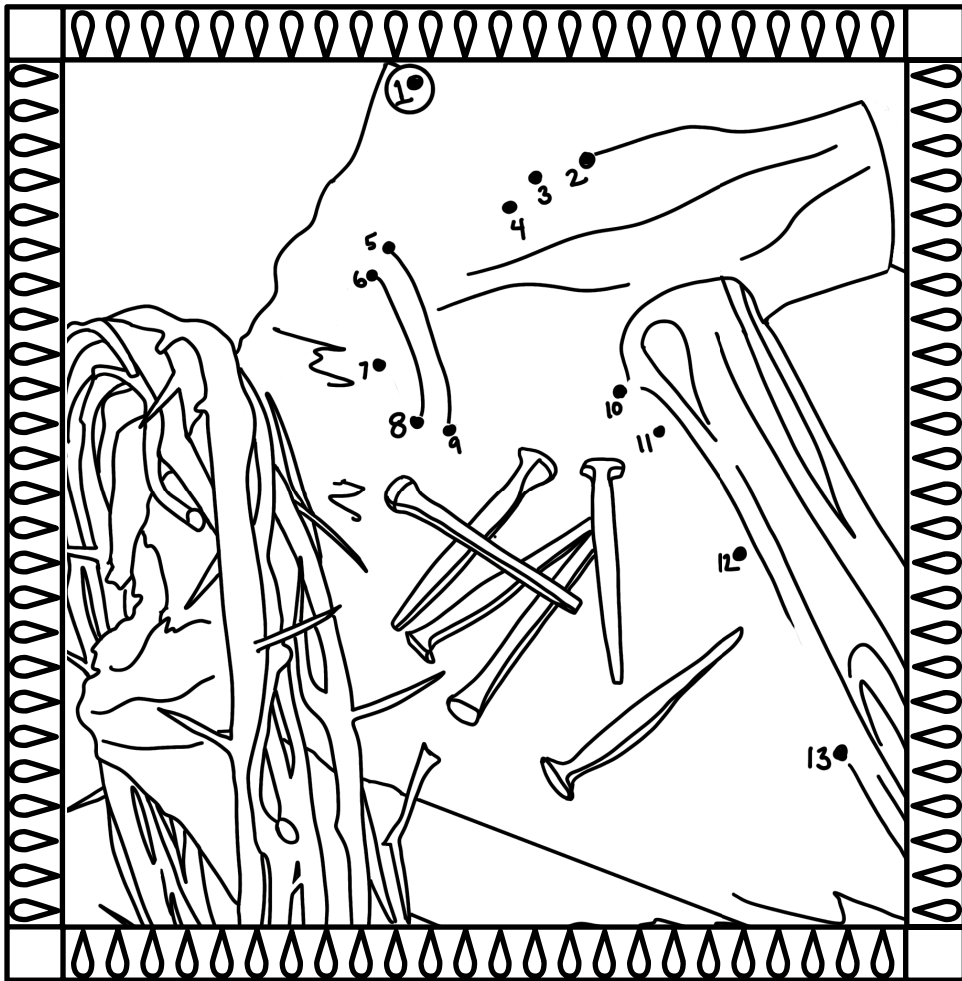
THE TWELFTH STATION  
Jesus Dies on the Cross

**Meditation**  
 Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last. - *Luke 23:46*  
*(Moment of silence)*

**Leader:** The twelfth station – Jesus dies on the cross.  
 We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.  
 All: Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.  
*(Genuflect or bow)*

THE ELEVENTH STATION

Jesus is Nailed to the Cross



**Leader:** The eleventh station – Jesus is nailed to the cross.

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

**All:** Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

*(Genuflect or bow)*

**Meditation**

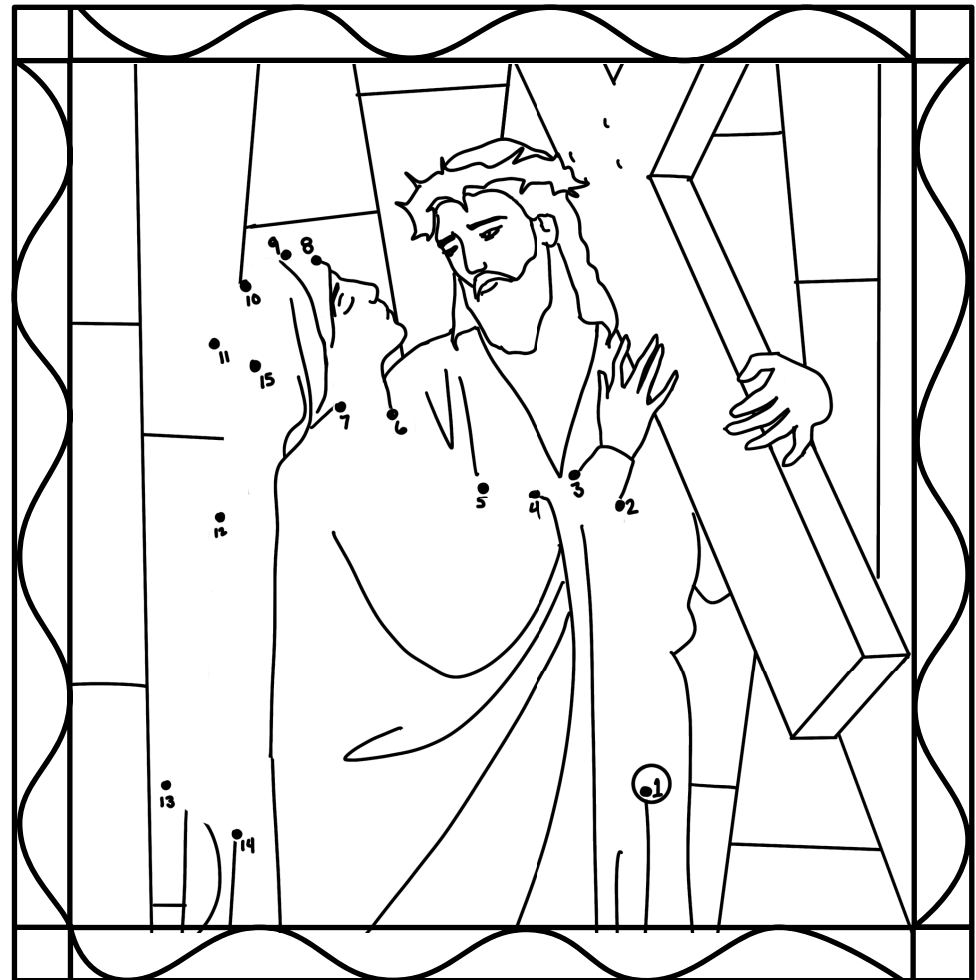
They brought him to the place of Golgotha (which is translated Place of the Skull)... Then they crucified him. - *Mark 15:22, 24*

*(Moment of silence)*



THE FOURTH STATION

Jesus Meets His Mother



**Leader:** The fourth station – Jesus meets His Mother.

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

**All:** Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

*(Genuflect or bow)*

**Meditation**

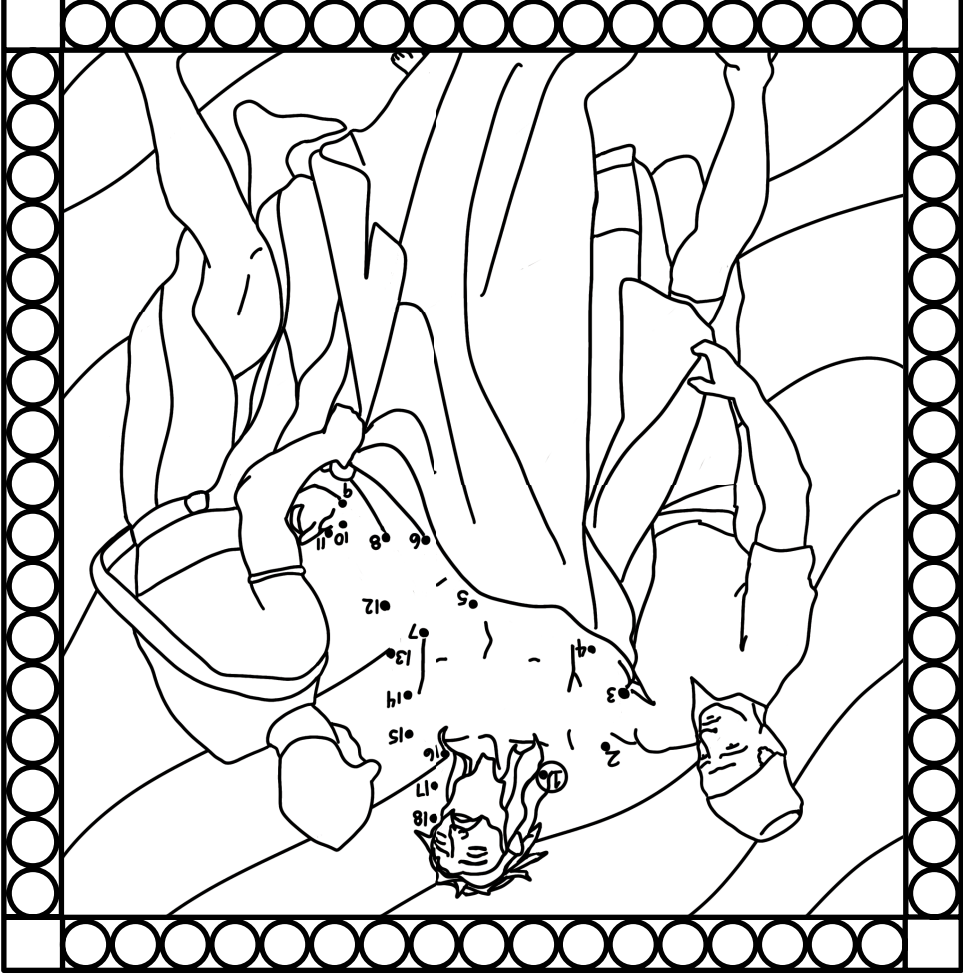
When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother.” - *John 19:26-27*

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THE TENTH STATION

Jesus's Clothes are Taken Away

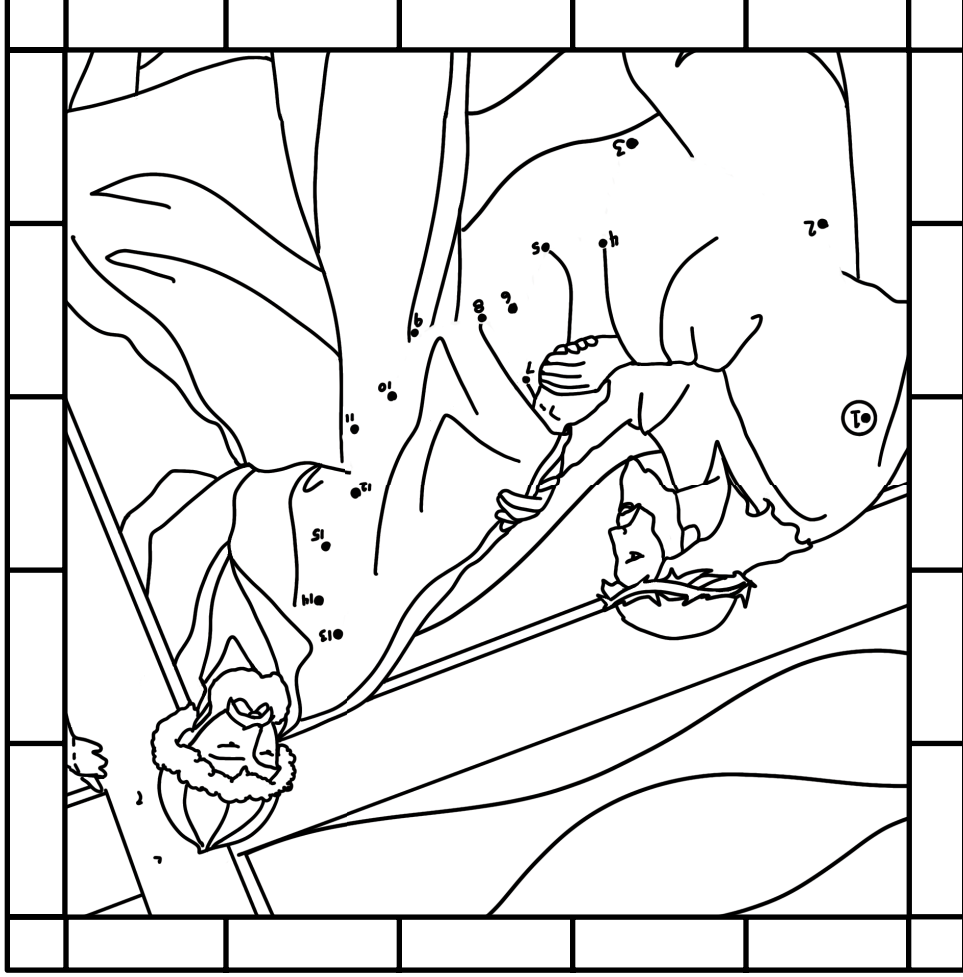


**Leader:** The tenth station - Jesus's clothes are taken away.  
 We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.  
**All:** Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.  
*(Genuflect or bow)*

**Meditation**  
 When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares, a share for each soldier. - *John 19:23*  
*(Moment of silence)*

THE FIFTH STATION

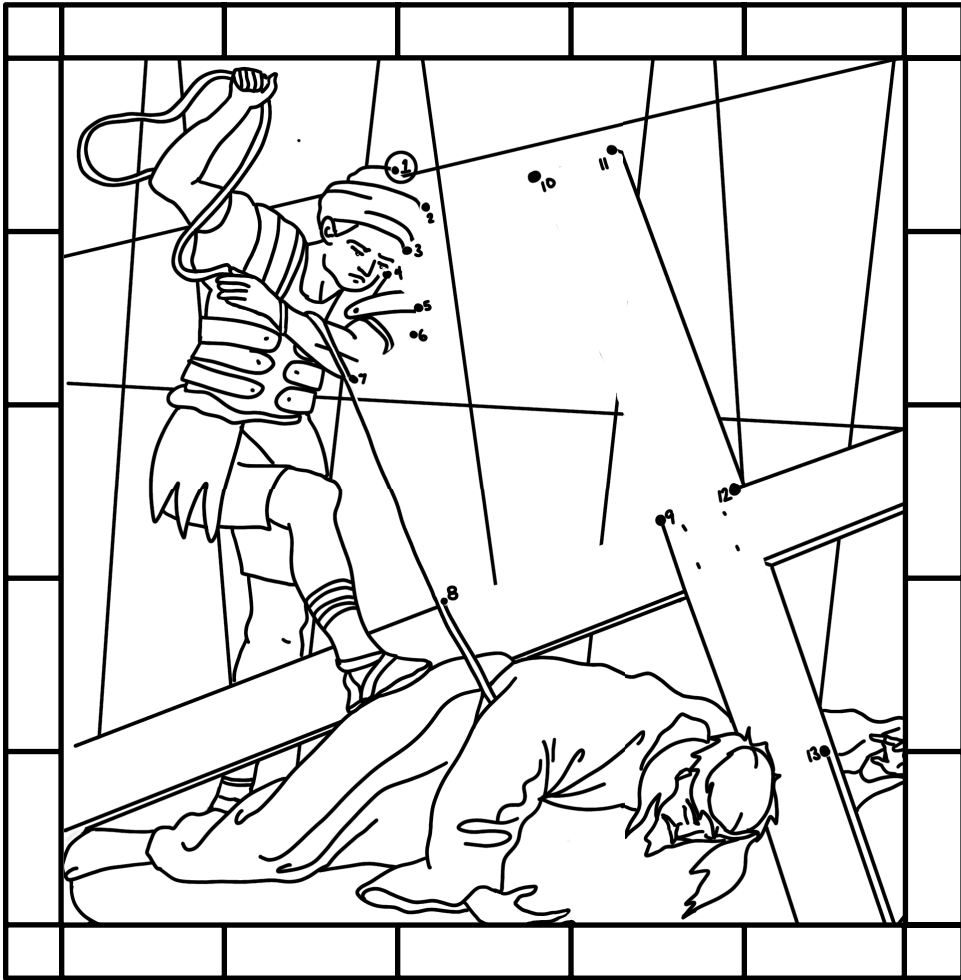
Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus Carry His Cross



**Leader:** The fifth station - Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry His cross.  
 We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.  
**All:** Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.  
*(Genuflect or bow)*

**Meditation**  
 They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.  
 - *Mark 15:21*  
*(Moment of silence)*

THE NINTH STATION  
Jesus Falls a Third Time



**Leader:** The ninth station – Jesus falls a third time.

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

**All:** Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

*(Genuflect or bow)*

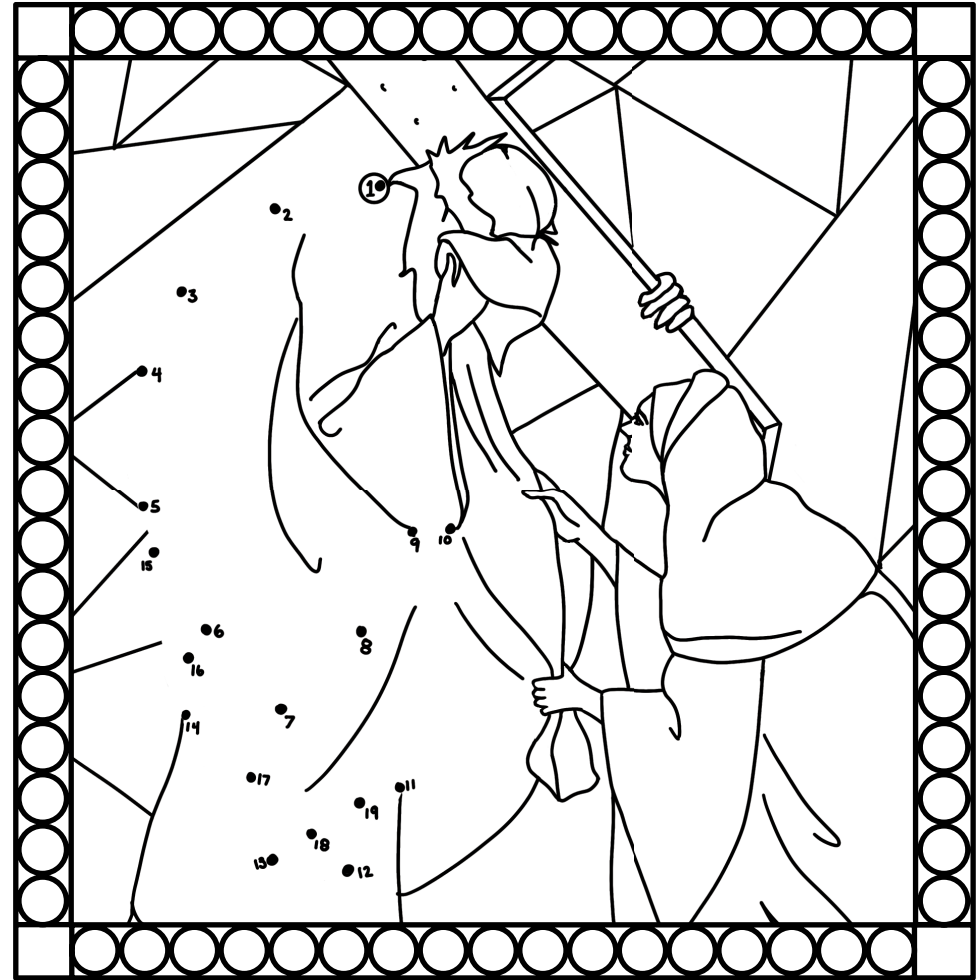
**Meditation**

Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations. - *Luke 24:46-47*

*(Moment of silence)*



THE SIXTH STATION  
Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus



**Leader:** The sixth station – Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

**All:** Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

*(Genuflect or bow)*

**Meditation**

These women had followed him when he was in Galilee and ministered to him. There were also many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

- *Mark 15:41*

*(Moment of silence)*



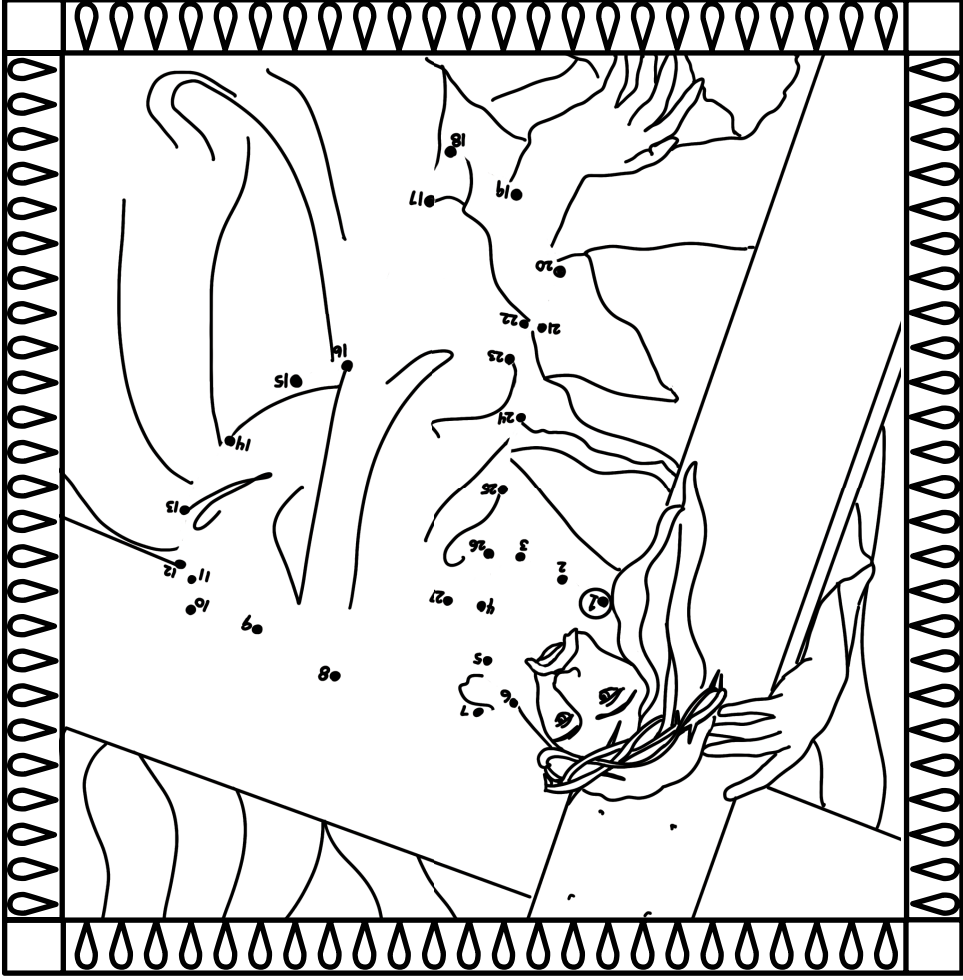


Whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.  
 - Luke 9:26  
*(Moment of silence)*

**Meditation**

*(Genuflect or bow)*

**Leader:** The seventh station – Jesus falls the second time.  
 We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.  
 All: Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.



THE SEVENTH STATION  
 Jesus Falls the Second Time



Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children."  
 - Luke 23:28  
*(Moment of silence)*

**Meditation**

*(Genuflect or bow)*

**Leader:** The eighth station – Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.  
 We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.  
 All: Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.



THE EIGHTH STATION  
 Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem