

COME TO THE CROSS

Lay your burdens down

Bring your cries

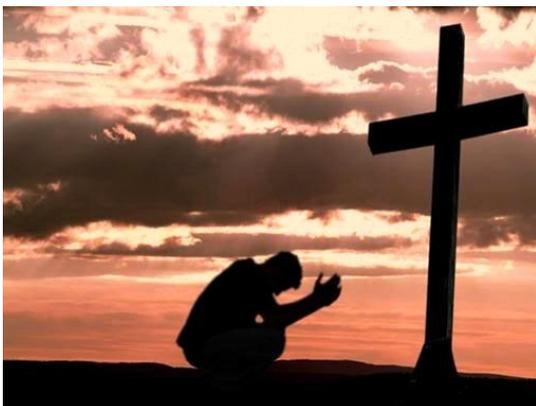
burdens

fears

to his Cross

He died for you

Spend as much time as you need
at the cross



Leave when you are ready.
Leave in silence respecting those who
continue in their meditations.

“Reflections on the Cross”

Communion

Pastor Nathan

Go To Dark Gethsemane P317

Dramatic Reading: Malchus

Steve Weaver

Were You There, P329

Dramatic Reading: Nicodemus

Ben Longacre

Beneath the Cross of Jesus, B250
How Deep the Father's Love for Us, SB42

Dramatic Reading: Child

Iris Cooper

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded P325

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Carol Hails

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed, B253
What Wondrous Love is This? Vs 1-3, B530
The Power of the Cross, SB26

At the Foot of the Cross

Pastor Nathan

Video: *Burdens*

Good Friday

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REFLECTIONS ON THE CROSS

The readings for these characters reflect on the following questions. We encourage you to reflect on them as well.

- 1) What was my life like before I met Jesus?
- 2) How did my life change as a result of meeting Jesus?
- 3) How does Jesus' death affect me?
- 4) Did he die because of me? (What was my responsibility in His death?)

MALCHUS

John 18:7-11

(Jesus) asked them, "Who is it you want?"

"Jesus of Nazareth," they said.

Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. If you are looking for me, then let these men go." This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those you gave me."

Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.)

Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?"

LITTLE CHILD

Luke 9:46-49

An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest. Jesus, knowing their thoughts, took a little child and had him stand beside him. Then he said to them, "Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For it is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest."

Matthew 19:13-15

Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there.

NICODEMUS

John 3:1-3

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

John 7:50-52

Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus earlier and who was one of their own number, asked, "Does our law condemn a man without first hearing him to find out what he has been doing?"

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.

MARY MAGDALENE

Luke 8:1-3

After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; Joanna the wife of Cuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

John 19:25-26

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

Write, draw, or create your own reflections of the cross.