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23 Jesus Dies for Us

“Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,
‘Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!’”

Luke 23:46

After the Last Supper, Jesus and the disciples went to the Garden of Olives. He asked them to pray with Him, but they were tired and fell asleep. So, all by Himself, Jesus began to pray. He felt sad when He thought about our sins. Jesus asked His Father to make Him strong and brave. He told His Father, “I will do what You want.”

Soldiers came to arrest Jesus. Pilate said that Jesus should die. The soldiers hit Jesus and beat Him with whips. They put a crown of thorns on His head and slapped Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews.”

Jesus had to carry a heavy **Cross** through the streets. The weight of our sins made it even more heavy. Sometimes Jesus fell down.

At Mount **Calvary** Jesus was nailed to the Cross. Even then He did not stop loving everyone. He prayed for the people who wanted to kill Him, “Father, forgive them.” He forgave the good thief. He gave His Mother, Mary, to be the Mother of all God’s children.

Some people called out, “If you are the Son of

God, come down from the Cross!” Because Jesus was God, He could have done this. But He wanted to suffer His Passion and die because He loved us. He wanted to obey His Heavenly Father.

Finally, Jesus died. At that moment the gates of Heaven were opened. We were brought back to the friendship of God, which Adam and Eve had lost.

Words to Know:

Cross Calvary Passion

Q. 51 *What did Jesus Christ do to save us from our sins?*

Jesus Christ saved us from our sins by suffering and dying on the Cross, so we can be with Him forever in Heaven (CCC 613).

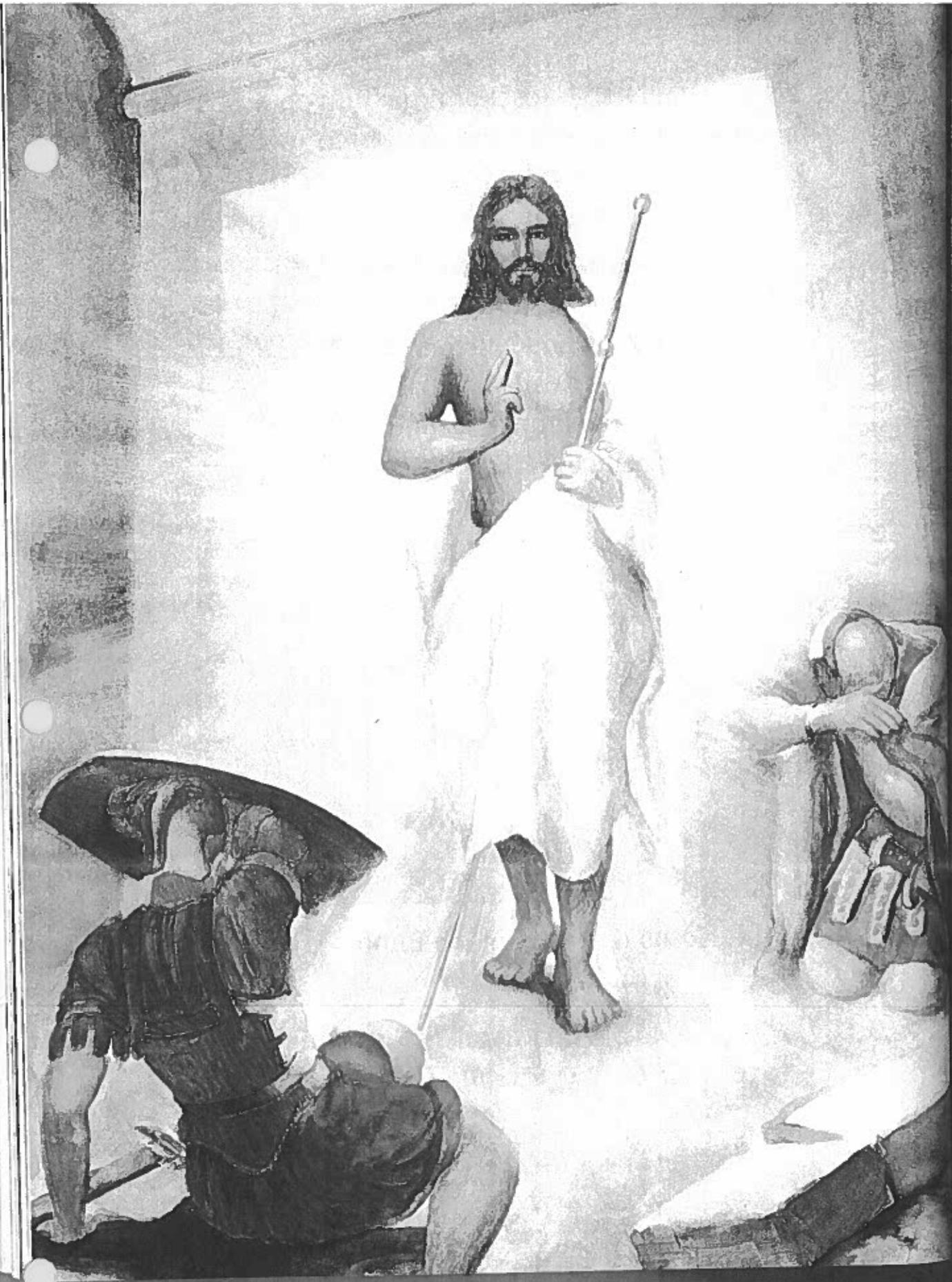
We Pray:

We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You, because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

Stations of the Cross



1. Jesus is condemned to death.
2. Jesus carries His Cross.
3. Jesus falls the first time.
4. Jesus meets His Mother.
5. Jesus is helped by Simon.
6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.
7. Jesus falls a second time.
8. Jesus speaks to the women.
9. Jesus falls a third time.
10. Jesus is stripped of His clothes.
11. Jesus is nailed to the Cross.
12. Jesus dies on the Cross.
13. Jesus is taken down from the Cross.
14. Jesus is placed in the tomb.



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24 He Is Risen, Alleluia!

“Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.”

Luke 24:5

Early in the morning the Sunday after Jesus died, some women came to visit His tomb. On the way there they worried about the big stone that closed the tomb.

“Who will roll it away for us?” they wondered.

But when they got there, the stone was already rolled back. A beautiful angel was sitting on it. “Why do you look in a tomb for someone Who is alive?” he said.

“Jesus is not here. He is risen. Go and tell the others.”

Very surprised and a little afraid, the women ran off. The other disciples did not believe them, even though Jesus used to tell them that He would die and rise again. But soon different friends of Jesus saw Him. Mary Magdalene and the other women saw Him first.

A few days later, the disciples were together in one room. The door was locked. All at once Jesus was there with them! “Peace be with you,” He said. Jesus talked and ate with them so they could see that He was not a ghost, but really alive. How happy the disciples were! Jesus was risen from the dead.

“Peace be with you.” The disciples no longer felt any fear or sadness when Jesus was with them. We, too, will have peace when we let Jesus come into our lives.

That is why **Easter** is such a joyful time. We celebrate because Jesus is alive and has won for us the life of grace. Now we can live forever!



Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia,
Our triumphant holy day, alleluia,
Who did once upon the Cross, alleluia,
Suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia.

Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia,
Unto Christ our Heavenly King, alleluia,
Who endured the Cross and grave, alleluia,
Sinners to redeem and save, alleluia.

On Easter Sunday we light a special candle in the church. It is called a Paschal Candle. We light it on Easter to remind us of Jesus' **Resurrection**.

Sometimes we call Jesus the Light of the World. The Paschal Candle is a symbol for Jesus.



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