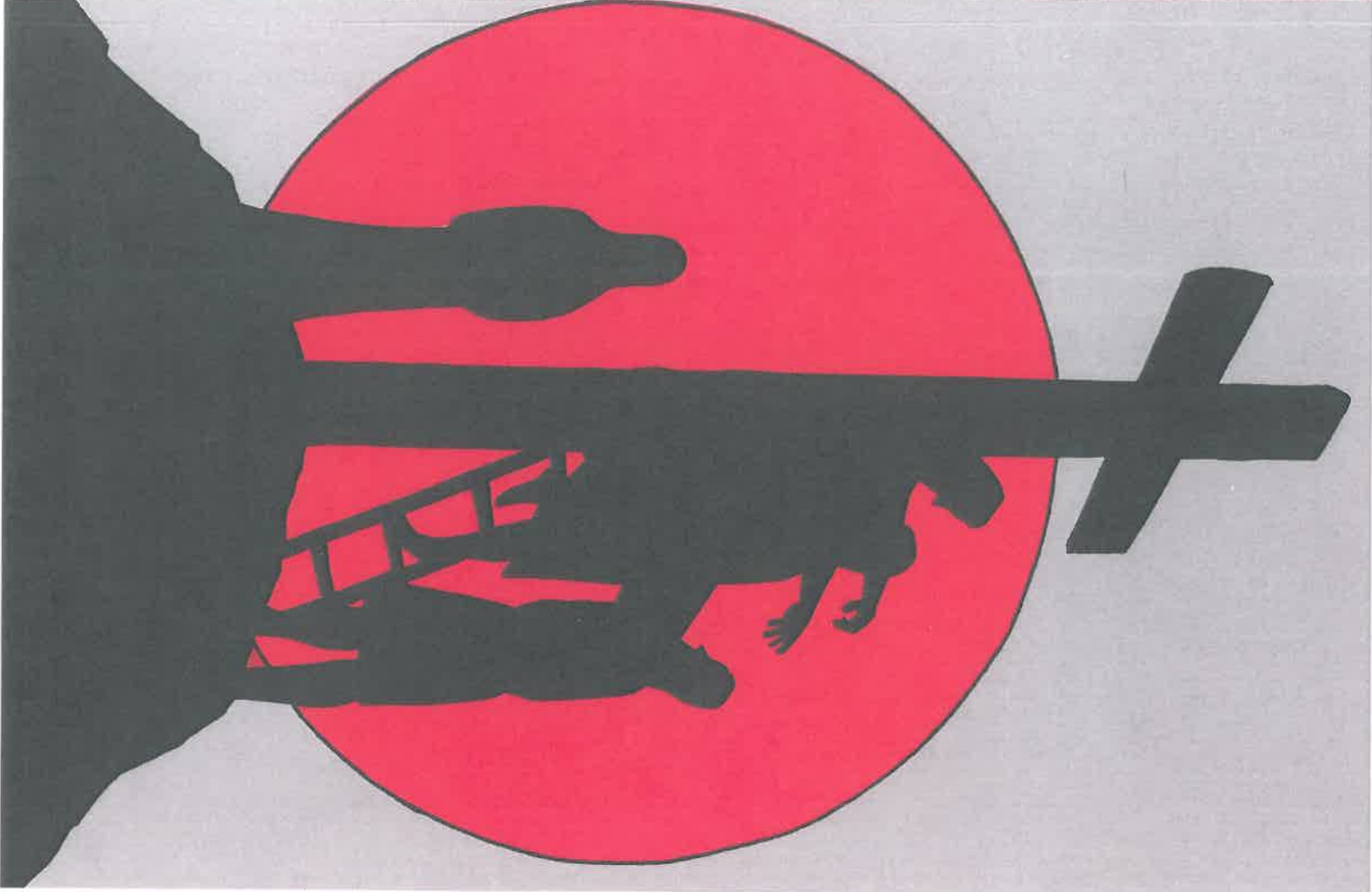


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Thirteenth Station

## *Jesus Is Taken Down From the Cross*

A man named Joseph, from the town of Arimathea, went to Pilate and asked for permission to remove the body of Jesus from the cross. He placed Jesus in Mary's arms and together they wrapped the body in a linen sheet (Luke 23:52-53). Filled with sorrow, Mary looked at the body of her son. She had loved and cared for him through his boyhood, and had been at his side when he was a man. Now his life was over.

*(Recite the following with one hand over heart.)*

*If we had been there, Jesus, we would have done just what Joseph did. We would have taken your body down from the cross with dignity and with love. And we would have comforted Mary and stayed with her.*

*But we weren't there. We are only here now, remembering.*

### TIME TO THINK AND PRAY

Would I, like Joseph, have admitted being a follower of Jesus? What if Pilate had arrested me?

*Here and now, what do I do to show that I am a Christian? Do I ever try to hide my faith from others?*

Jesus, teach me how to follow you.