

Jesus
is laid
in the
sepulcher



The
Fourteenth
Station



FOURTEENTH STATION
Jesus Is Laid in the Tomb

Meditation

In a cave in the side of a hill, Jesus' body, wrapped in linens, is laid on a shelf carved from the rock, and a stone is rolled across the opening of this tomb. Guards are stationed, and the mourners drift away. Night falls with a heavy silence.

Prayer

Jesus, dying is a scary thing.

It is sad to reflect on your unjust death. It is scary to think about my own death and the deaths of those around me. I just don't like to think about such things. Could a stone rolled across a tomb, darkness and silence, could this really be the end?

Your journey to the cross seems to end in sadness. Sometimes when I am trying to understand and to follow your way of love, I feel frustrated and sad, too. It's hard for me to see the point, or to see how good could come out of it.

I see you lying in the tomb, and faith tells me that death is not the end. As I watch in sadness, help me remember your promise of eternal life. Help me live, trusting that in your love lies joy and peace.

No one has greater love than this,

To lay down one's life for one's friends.

(John 15:13)