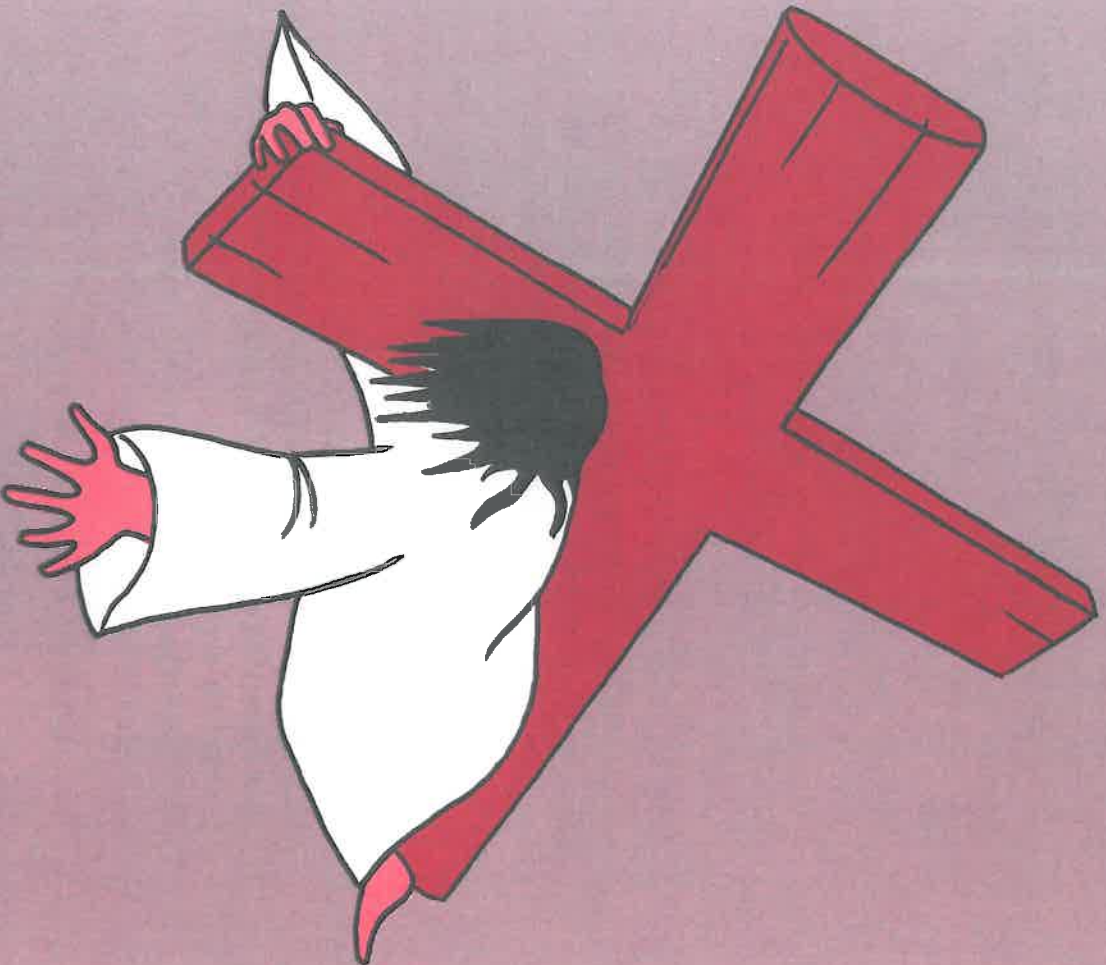


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Third Station

Jesus Falls Under the Cross

Jesus was so weak that he could not stand the weight of the cross. He fell to the ground. Perhaps as he lay there, weak and in pain, he remembered the words of Job: "I have rubbed my face in the dust and it is red with tears. . . . My breath grows weak and I can feel that the grave is waiting for me" (Job 16:6; 17:1). But the soldiers had no compassion. They pulled Jesus up and pushed him forward.

(Recite the following with one knee on the floor.)

If we had been there, Jesus, we would have made sure you didn't fall. We would have walked beside you and given you strong arms to lean on.

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

TIME TO THINK AND PRAY

Would I have wanted to touch Jesus and to get blood and dirt on my clothes? What if someone had seen me like that?

Here and now, what do I do when my friends laugh at me for helping someone?

Jesus, teach me how to follow you.