

The
women
of
Jerusalem
weep
over
Jesus



The
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Station



EIGHTH STATION
Jesus Meets the Women

Meditation

As Jesus preached and taught during his ministry, his apostles were at his side. Now, they are gone, nowhere to be seen. But along the sad road, a small group follows Jesus. It is a cluster of women from Jerusalem, walking behind him in tears for what he has endured and for his death that comes closer with every step.

Prayer

Jesus, although you are exhausted and weak, you have strength enough to speak to the women who are weeping for you. You tell them not to shed tears for you, but for themselves and for their children. Following you can sometimes be difficult.

I know that real love can be hard sometimes. Forgiving is hard. Putting up with someone's mistakes and weakness is hard. It is hard being faithful to a friend or family member and supporting them when I have other things to do or when the situation makes me feel uncomfortable. Being your friend, Jesus, can be a challenge.

I see you gently warning the women of hard times ahead. I listen to those words and understand what they mean for me. Help me to be faithful, and to keep following you in love.

*No one has greater love than this,
To lay down one's life for one's friends.*

(John 15:13)