THE PASSION IN 3D · BONUS

The 14 Stations of the Cross in 3D

Walk the Way of the Cross, station by station

BONUS 1





INTRODUCTION

How to Pray the Stations

Early pilgrims to Jerusalem walked the road of the Passion. Over the centuries this became the Way of the Cross, fixed at 14 stations by the 1700s.



SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION

Nine stations come straight from the Gospels. Stations 3, 4, 6, 7 and 9 come from Christian tradition, not from the biblical text. We honor them, and we mark each one clearly with a gold tag:

From tradition.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Each station has two pages: a 3D scene of the place, then a reading, a reflection and a short prayer. Pray them alone, with your family, or with your class on Good Friday.



The Via Dolorosa



LEGEND

Stations 1 to 9 lie along the street.
Stations 10 to 14 are inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The traditional route is about 650 yards long (estimate) and took shape in the Middle Ages. Many scholars place Pilate's court at Herod's palace, so the original path may have started further west.





Bruises and welts



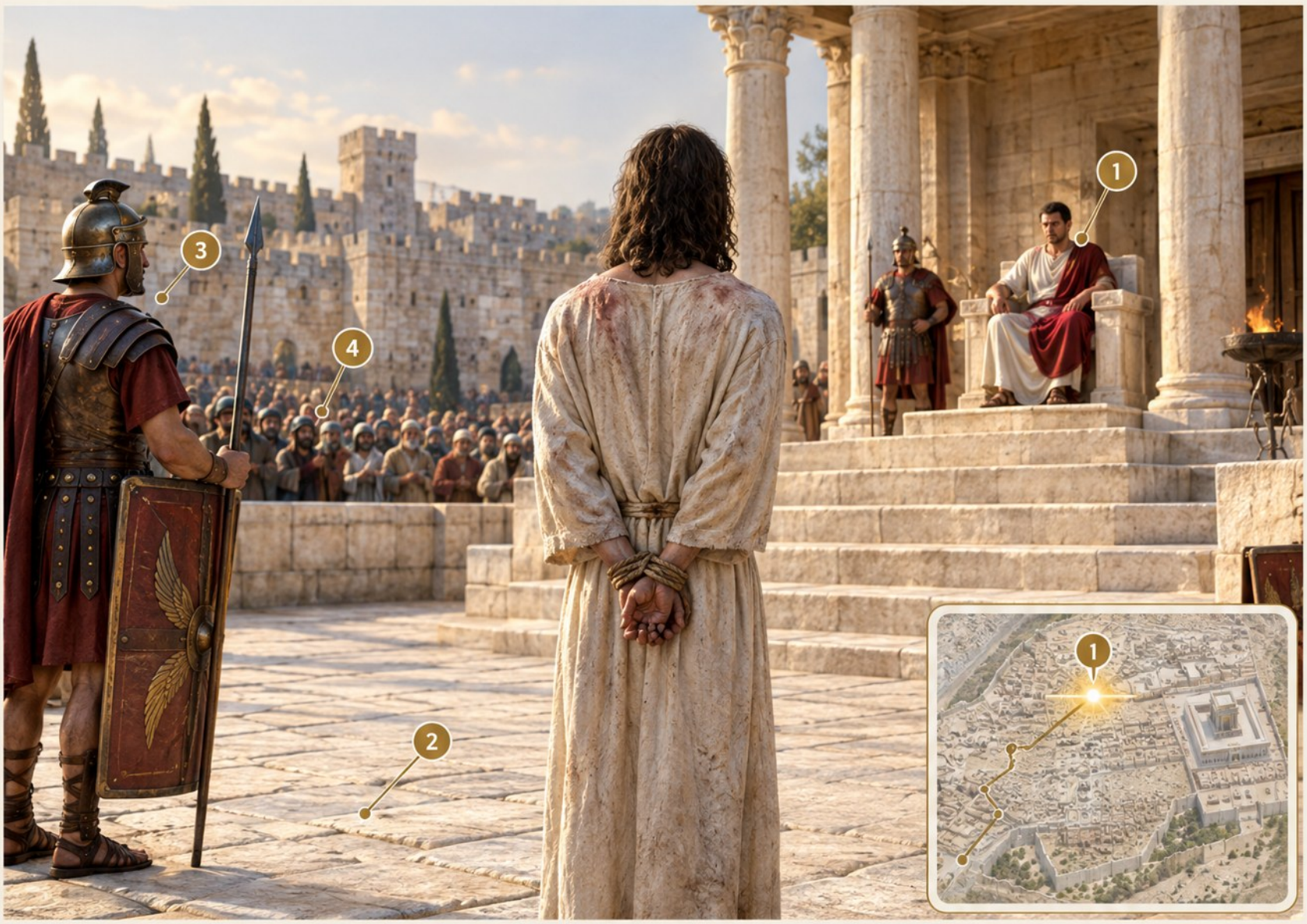
Small cuts and marks



Scratches

STATION 1

JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH



1. Judgment seat
2. Stone pavement
3. Roman guard
4. The crowd

WHERE IT HAPPENED

Traditionally the site of the Antonia Fortress, near the Lions' Gate (today a school courtyard).

HISTORICAL NOTE

John 19:13 names the place of judgment the Pavement, Gabbatha. Many scholars place Pilate's court at Herod's palace on the city's west side.



STATION 1

Read · Reflect · Pray

MARK 15:15 (KJV)

And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

REFLECTION

Pilate chose what was easy over what was right. Jesus stood silent, already weakened by the scourging, and accepted a sentence he did not deserve.

REFLECT

Where am I tempted to please people rather than do what is right?

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you were condemned so that I could be set free. Give me courage to stand for truth. Amen.

STATION 2

Jesus Takes Up His Cross



WHERE IT HAPPENED

Second station, beside the Chapel of the Condemnation on the Via Dolorosa.

HISTORICAL NOTE

Condemned men usually carried the crossbeam (*patibulum*), estimated at 75 to 125 lb; the upright post likely stood ready at the site.







STATION 2

Read · Reflect · Pray



John 19:17 (KJV)

And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called
the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha:

Reflection

The beam pressed on a back already torn by the lashes.
He did not refuse the weight. He carried what was laid on him, step by step.

Reflect

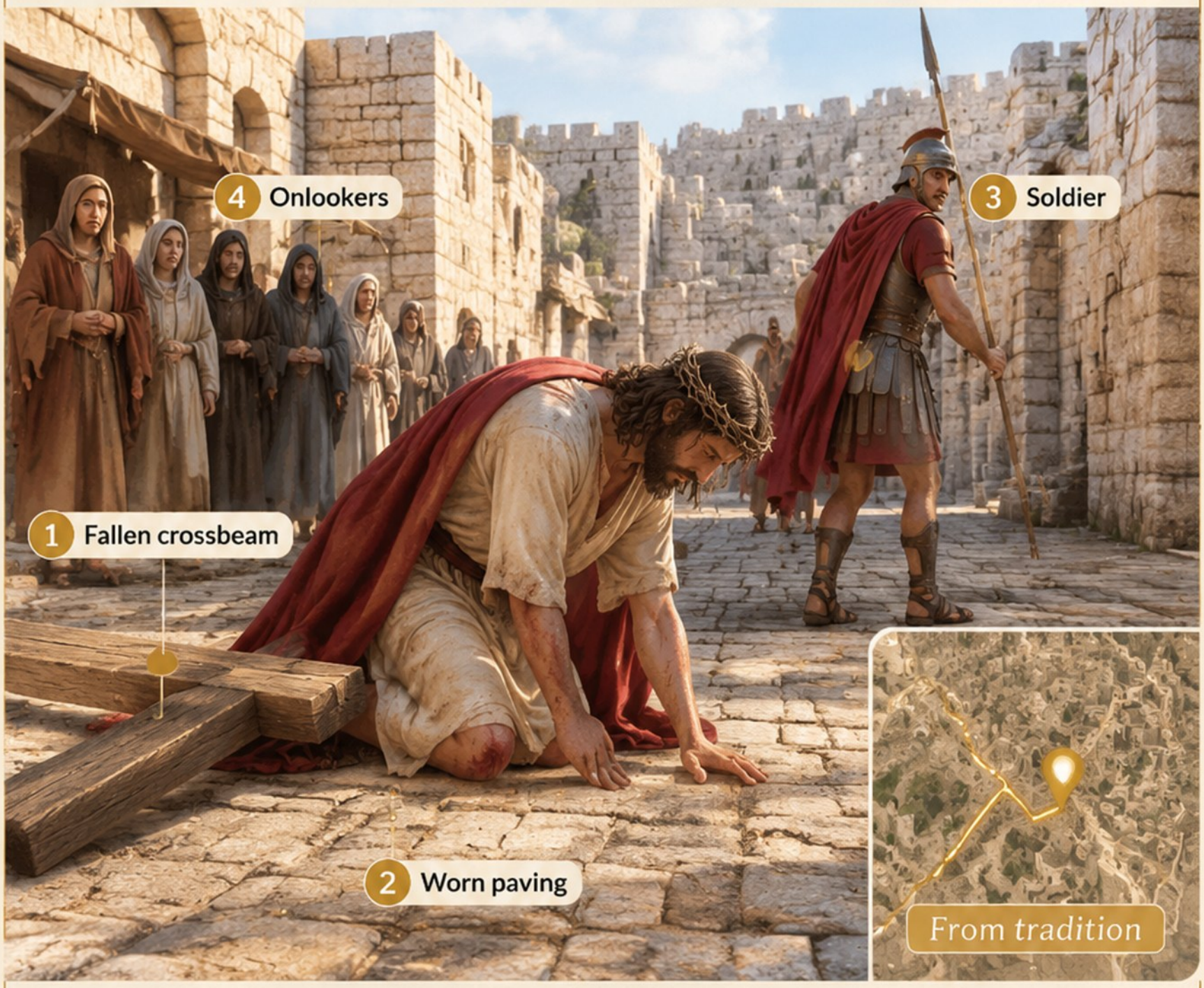
What burden is God asking me to carry faithfully today?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, you bore the cross for me. Teach me to follow you
when the road is heavy. Amen.

STATION 3 · FROM TRADITION

Jesus Falls the First Time



1. Fallen crossbeam
2. Worn paving
3. Soldier
4. Onlookers

Where it happened:

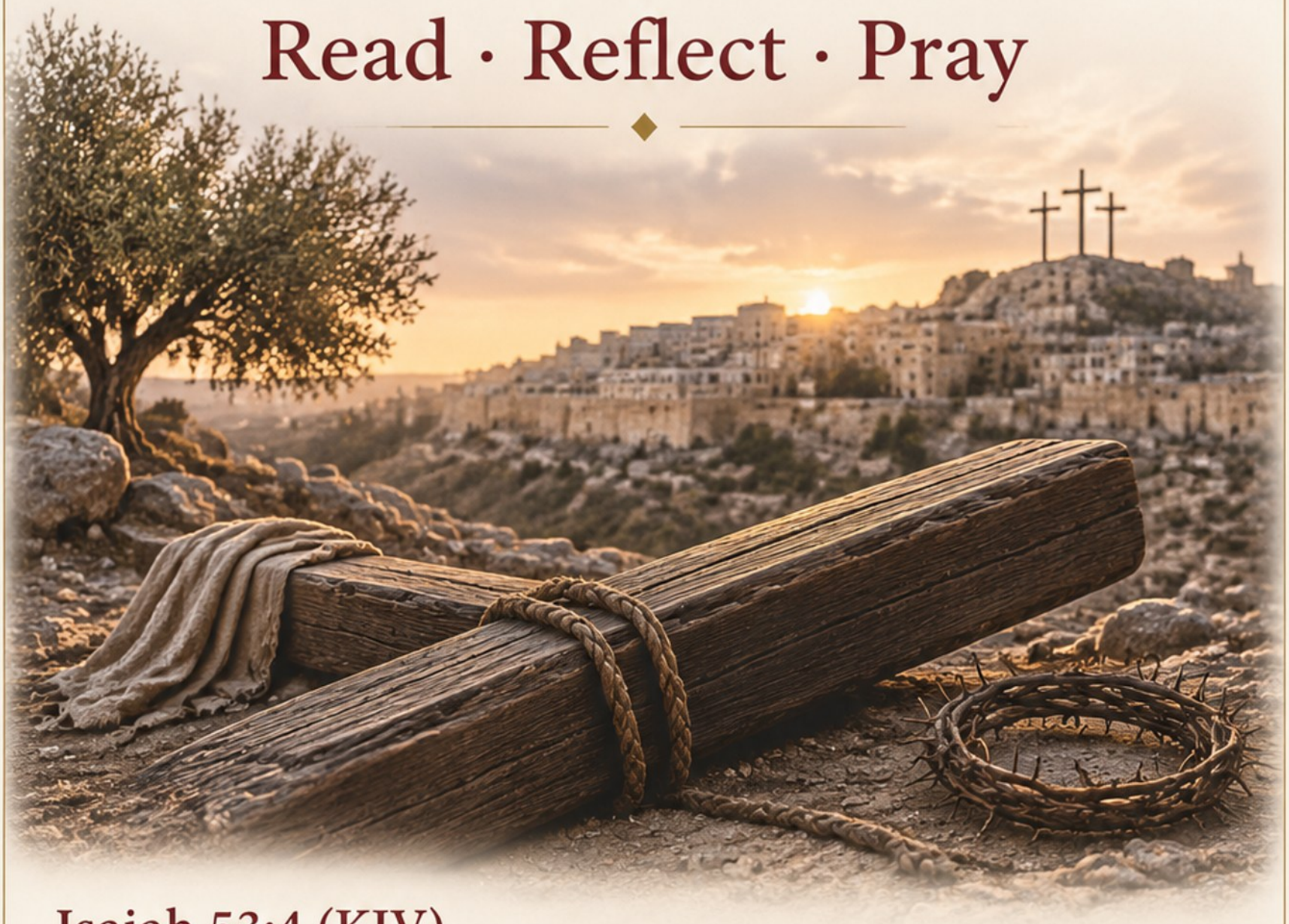
Corner of the Via Dolorosa and El Wad Street (Polish chapel).

Historical note:

The Gospels do not record a fall. Tradition reflects how weak his body was after a sleepless night and the scourging.

STATION 3 · FROM TRADITION

Read · Reflect · Pray



Isaiah 53:4 (KJV)

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows:
yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Reflection

The Son of God knew human weakness. His body was spent, yet his will did not turn back from the road to Golgotha.

Reflect

Where have I fallen, and do I believe he lifts me up?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, when I fall, raise me again. Let your strength be enough for my weakness. Amen.

STATION 4 · FROM TRADITION

Jesus Meets His Mother



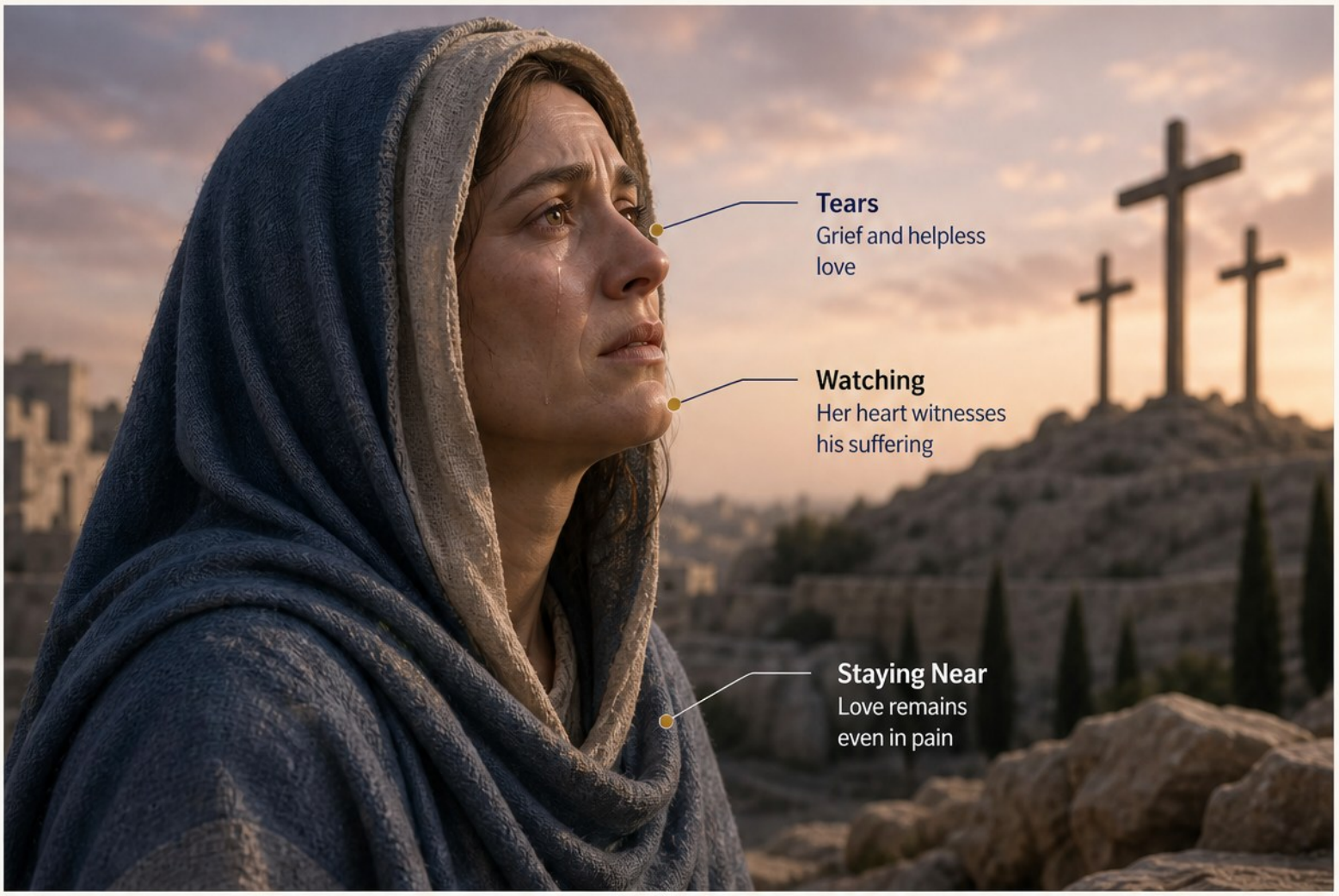
1. Mary
2. Jesus with the beam
3. The crowd
4. Street archway

WHERE IT HAPPENED

Armenian Catholic Chapel of Our Lady of the Spasm.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The Gospels do not describe this meeting, but John 19:25 places Mary near the cross. Tradition imagines her following him along the way.



STATION 4 · FROM TRADITION

Read · Reflect · Pray

Luke 2:35 (KJV)

(Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,)
that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

Reflection

Simeon's words came true. Mary saw her son suffer and could not take his place. Love stayed near even when it could change nothing.

Reflect

Who needs me simply to stay near them in their pain?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, comfort all who watch someone they love suffer. Give them strength to remain. Amen.

STATION 5

Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus



1. **Simon of Cyrene**
2. **Crossbeam**
3. **Roman soldier**
4. **Uphill street**

WHERE IT HAPPENED

Where the Via Dolorosa turns uphill (Franciscan chapel).

HISTORICAL NOTE

Cyrene was in North Africa, in today's Libya. Mark names Simon's sons, Alexander and Rufus, likely known to his first readers.



I

STATION 5

Read · Reflect · Pray

II

Mark 15:21 (KJV)

And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his cross.

III

Reflection

Simon was forced to help, yet he walked closest to Jesus. An unwanted interruption became the story his family would tell for years.

IV

Reflect

Whose cross can I help carry this week?

V

Prayer

Lord Jesus, make me willing to share the load of others, even when it is not my plan. Amen.

STATION 6 · FROM TRADITION

Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus



1. **Linen cloth**
2. **The woman**
3. **Soldiers**
4. **Stone wall**

WHERE IT HAPPENED

Greek Catholic Church of St. Veronica.

HISTORICAL NOTE

Veronica's story comes from later Christian tradition, not from the Gospels. It honors the courage of simple compassion.



STATION 6 · FROM TRADITION

Read · Reflect · Pray



Psalm 27:8 (KJV)

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart
said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.



Reflection

A small act of kindness in a hostile crowd.
She could not stop the cross, but she could refuse
to look away.



Reflect

What small act of mercy have I been putting off?



Prayer

Lord Jesus, give me eyes to see your face
in those who suffer, and hands that serve.
Amen.

STATION 7 · FROM TRADITION

Jesus Falls the Second Time



1. **City gate**
2. **Crossbeam**
3. **Soldier**
4. **Road to Golgotha**

WHERE IT HAPPENED

The Judgment Gate, traditionally an old city gate on the route.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The Gospels do not record a second fall. Tradition remembers it near the gate where the road left the city.



STATION 7 · FROM TRADITION

READ · REFLECT · PRAY

HEBREWS 4:15 (KJV)

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

REFLECTION

Weakness upon weakness. He knows from inside what it is to have nothing left, and he still kept going for us.

REFLECT

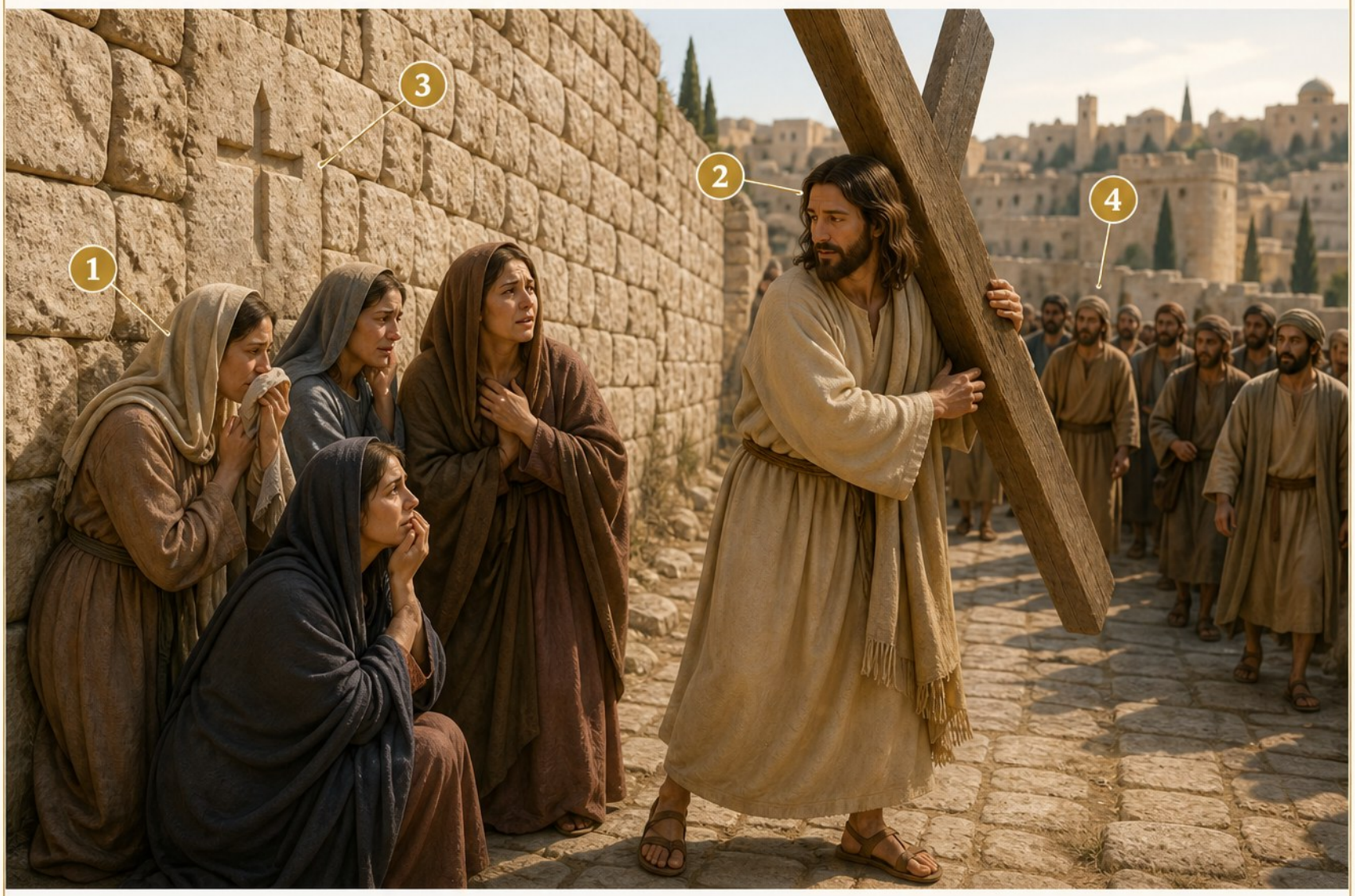
Do I bring my exhaustion to him honestly?

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you know our infirmities.
Meet me in my tiredness and carry me. Amen.

STATION 8

Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem



1 The women
A group of women weeps for Jesus.

2 Jesus turning
Jesus turns toward the women in compassion.

3 Carved wall
A cross is carved in the wall.

4 Following crowd
A great company of people follows behind.

Where it happened

Near the Greek Orthodox monastery of St. Charalambos; a cross is carved in the wall.

Historical note

Luke 23:27 says a great company of people and women followed him, mourning.





01

STATION 8

Read · Reflect · Pray

02

LUKE 23:28 (KJV)

But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem,
weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.

03

REFLECTION

Even in pain, he turned to others. His words call us
beyond sympathy to repentance and to care for the next generation.

04

REFLECT

What would it mean for me to weep for my own heart?

05

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, turn my tears into true change,
and protect our children. Amen.

STATION 9 · FROM TRADITION

Jesus Falls the Third Time



1 **GOLGOTHA AHEAD**
The hill of Golgotha is visible in the distance.

2 **CROSSBEAM**
The crossbeam lies beside him.

3 **CITY WALL**
The city wall is to the left.

4 **SOLDIERS**
Roman soldiers stand nearby.

WHERE IT HAPPENED

Entrance of the Coptic Patriarchate, near the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The Gospels do not record this fall. Tradition places it within sight of Golgotha, close to the end of the road.



STATION 9 · FROM TRADITION

READ · REFLECT · PRAY

PHILIPPIANS 2:8 (KJV)

And being found in fa*shion* as a man,
he humbled himself, and became obedient
unto death, even the death of the cross.

REFLECTION

So near the end, his body could barely rise.
His obedience did not depend on strength.
It was love that kept him walking.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you humbled yourself to the end. Teach me humble, faithful love. Amen.

REFLECT

Where do I need to obey even when I feel empty?

STATION 10

Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments



1. Seamless coat
2. Lots cast
3. Four soldiers
4. Golgotha rock

WHERE IT HAPPENED

Inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (Chapel of the Franks, beside Calvary).

HISTORICAL NOTE

Four soldiers divided his clothes; the seamless coat was given by lot (John 19:23-24; Psalm 22:18).

Read · Reflect · Pray



John 19:23 (KJV)

Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.

REFLECTION

He was left with nothing, exposed to shame. The one who clothes the lilies let himself be stripped so we could be clothed in his righteousness.

REFLECT

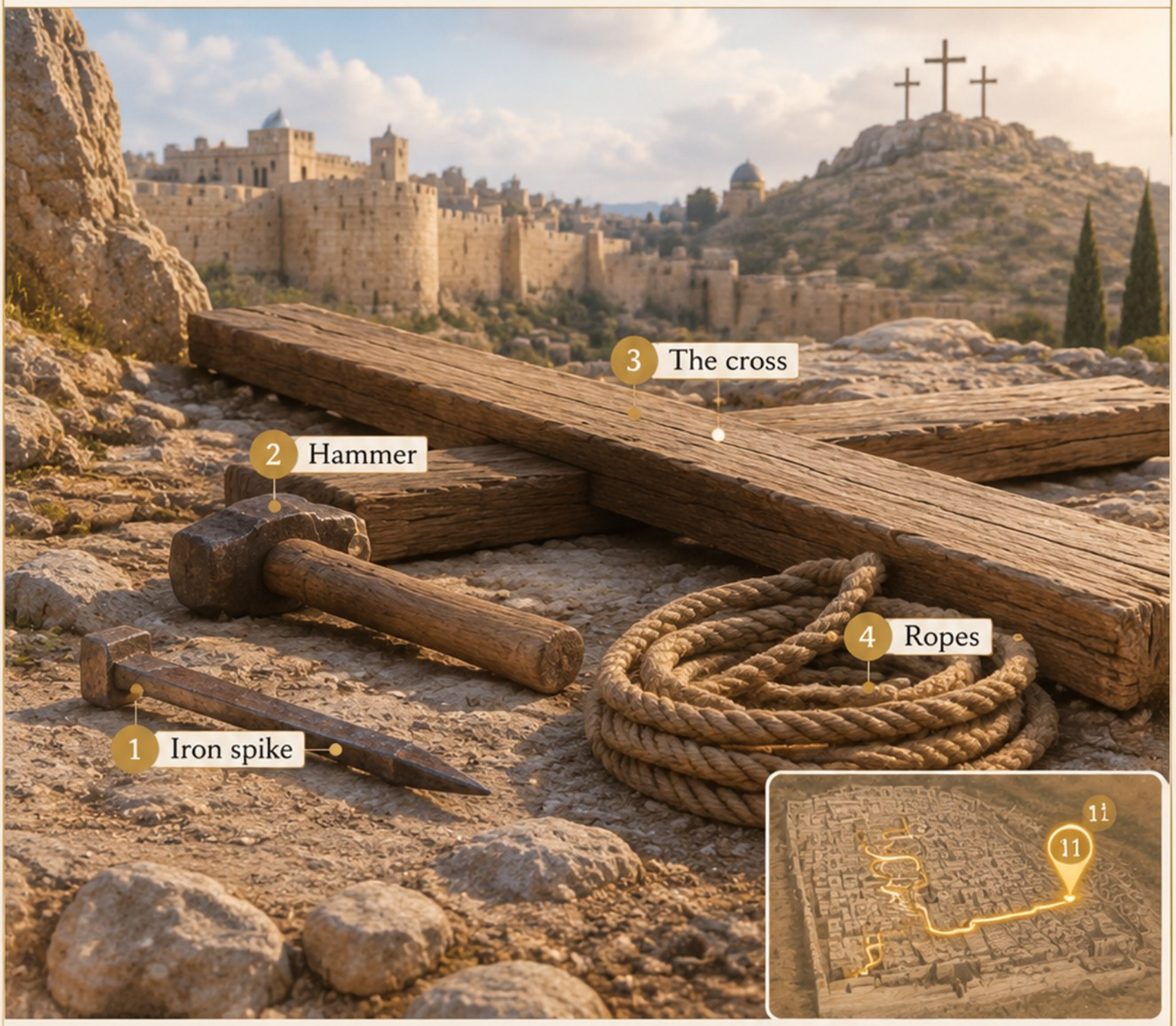
What do I cling to that he is asking me to release?

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you were stripped of everything for me. Clothe me with your grace. Amen.

STATION 11

Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross



WHERE IT HAPPENED:

Calvary, the Latin chapel inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.



HISTORICAL NOTE:

Iron spikes about 5 to 7 in long were used. Scholars debate wrist or palm; the Greek word *cheir* can include the wrist.





STATION 11

READ · REFLECT · PRAY

LUKE 23:33 (KJV)

And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

REFLECTION

The hands that healed the sick were fixed to wood.
He did not resist.
Between two criminals, he took the place of the guilty.

REFLECT

Do I believe his love reaches even the worst in me?

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, by your wounds I am healed.
Let me never forget what my peace cost you. Amen.

STATION 12

Jesus Dies on the Cross



1 **THE CENTER CROSS**
Jesus was crucified on the center cross.

2 **DARKENED SKY**
The sky grew dark over the land.

3 **THE TWO THIEVES**
Two thieves were crucified on either side.

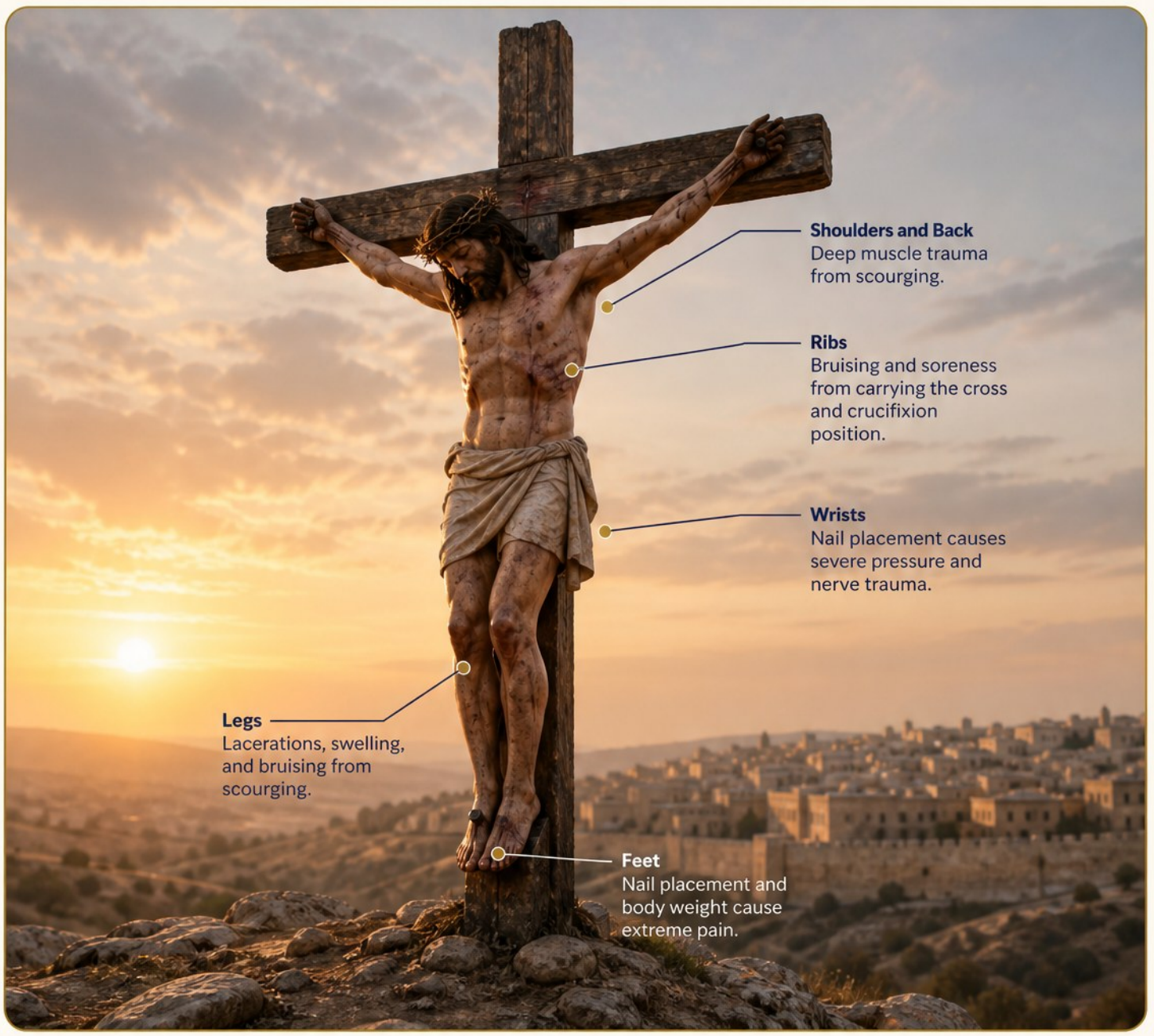
4 **MOURNERS**
Family, friends and followers watched from a distance.

WHERE IT HAPPENED

Greek Orthodox altar of Calvary, built over the rock.

HISTORICAL NOTE

Mark 15:34 places his final cry at the ninth hour, about 3 pm. Darkness had covered the land from noon.



STATION 12

Read · Reflect · Pray

John 19:30 (KJV)

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Reflection

It is finished: not a cry of defeat, but of completion.
The debt was paid, the work of salvation done.

Reflect

How do I live differently, knowing the work is finished?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you for finishing what I never could.
I rest in your sacrifice. Amen.

STATION 13

Jesus Is Taken Down from the Cross





WHERE IT HAPPENED

The Stone of Anointing, near the entrance of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.



HISTORICAL NOTE

Nicodemus brought about an hundred pound weight of myrrh and aloes (John 19:39).



STATION 13

Read · Reflect · Pray

JOHN 19:38 (KJV)

And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave.

REFLECTION

Two secret disciples became bold at the darkest hour. Love now did the only thing left: to care for his body with honor.

REFLECT

Where is God calling me to stop following him in secret?

PRAYER

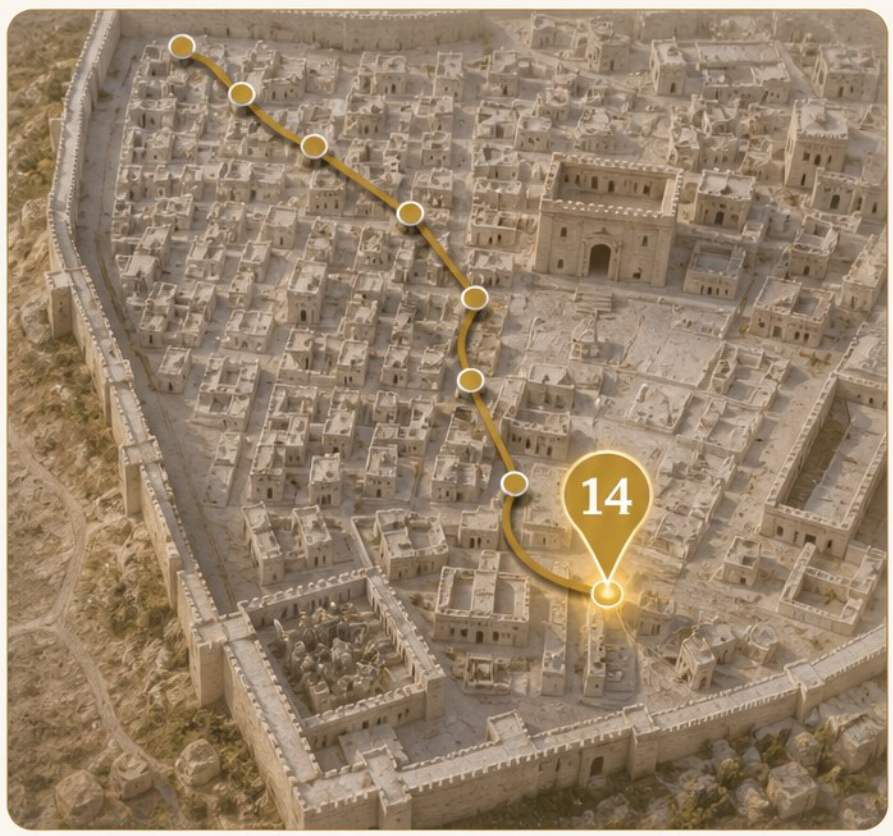
Lord Jesus, give me the courage of Joseph and Nicodemus to honor you openly. Amen.



1 Rock-cut tomb | 2 Burial bench | 3 Rolling stone | 4 The garden

WHERE IT HAPPENED

The Edicule in the Rotunda of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.



HISTORICAL NOTE

Most archaeologists favor this site. Many Protestant visitors also pray at the Garden Tomb, identified in the 19th century.



STATION 14

READ · REFLECT · PRAY

MATTHEW 27:60 (KJV)

And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out of the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

REFLECTION

The world went quiet. The stone was rolled shut and hope seemed sealed inside. But the tomb was borrowed, and only for a short time.

REFLECT

What in my life feels sealed shut, waiting for his power?

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, in the silence of the tomb, teach me to wait for your resurrection. Amen.



THE WAY DOES NOT END AT THE TOMB

Beyond the Fourteenth Station

Luke 24:6 (KJV)

He is not here, but is risen:

The Way of the Cross ends in silence, but the story does not. Three days later the stone was rolled away. Many churches now add a fifteenth station: the Resurrection.

Reflect

Which station spoke to you most, and why? How will you walk with him this week?