

The Story Behind the Door:
The Last Seven Words of Jesus #3

“Woman, here is your son.”
...“Here is your mother.”

John 19: 25-27



John 19

James Jacques Joseph Tissot c.1880s.
"The Holy Women Stand Far Off
Beholding What Is Done."

John 19



“What our Lord saw
from the cross”
James Tissot c.1890

John 19:25-27

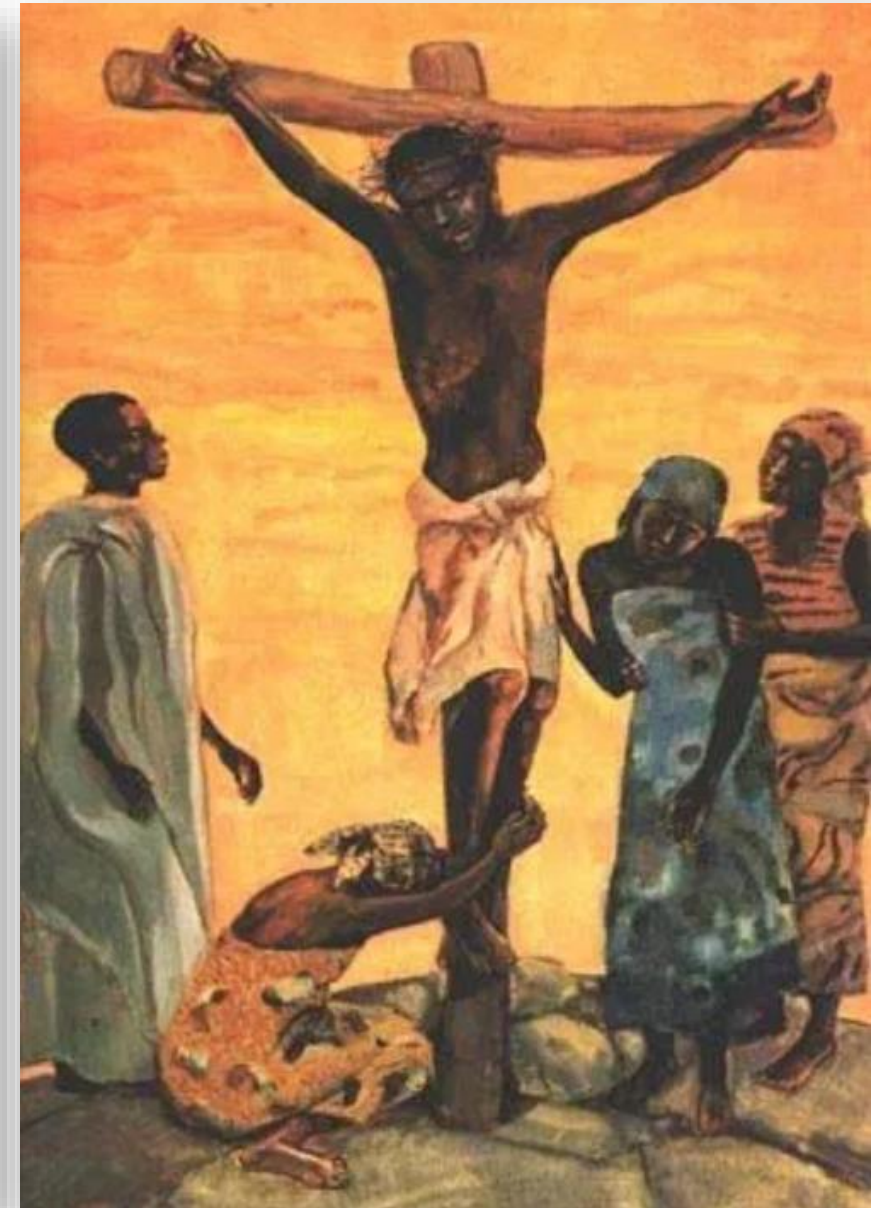
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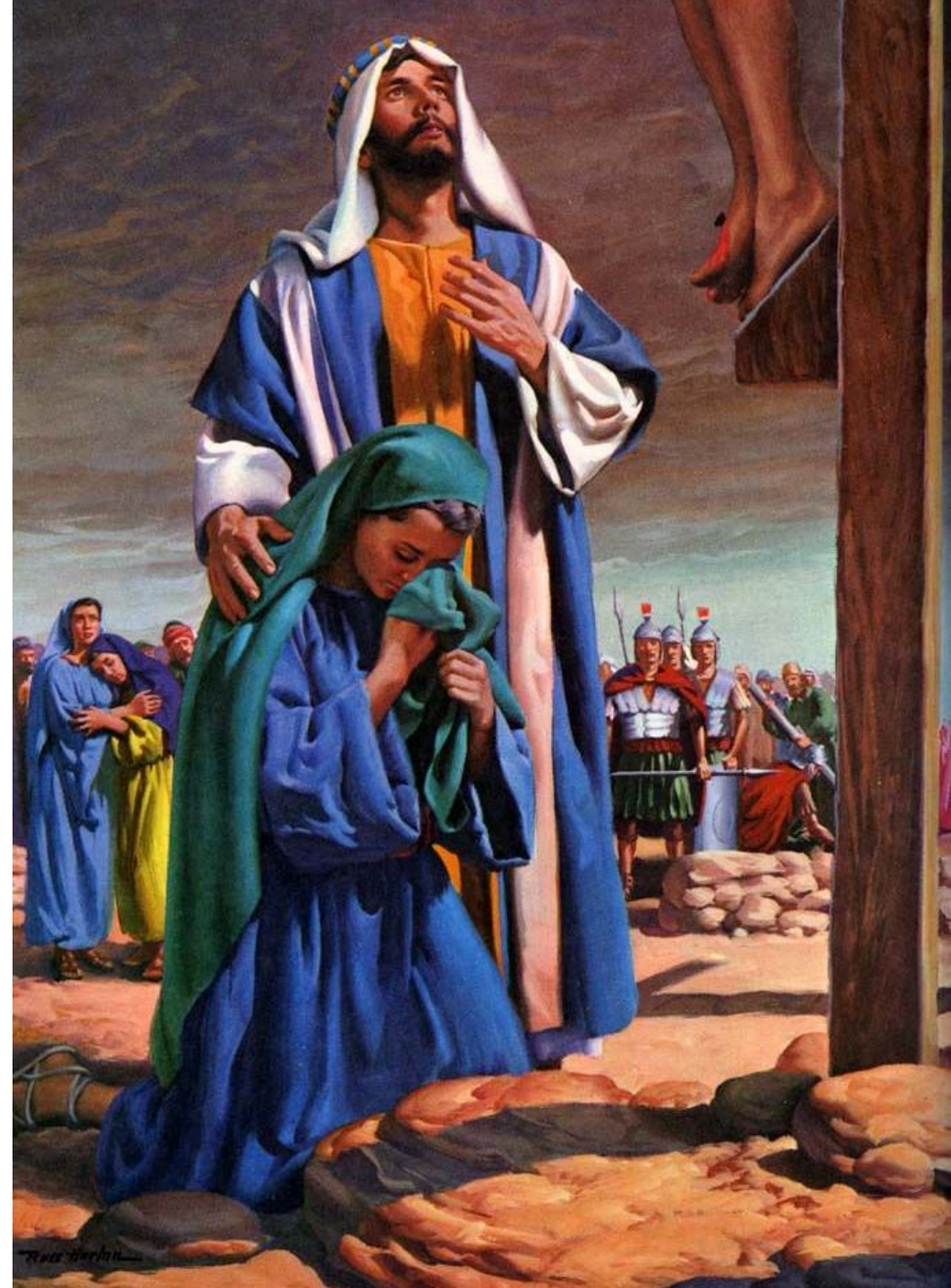
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the loved disciple

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John 21: 20, 24

“...the disciple whom Jesus loved... This is the disciple who **testifies** to these things and who **wrote** them down.”





John 19:25-27

“Woman, ...”

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Mary, the mother of Jesus



Simeon to Mary:
**“... and a sword
will pierce your
own soul too.”**

Luke 2:35

- Madonna and Child 19th C
- Michelangelo's Pieta 15th C



Jesus and his mother Mary

John 2:1-5

⁴ Jesus replied, “**Woman**, why do you involve me? My hour has not yet come.”

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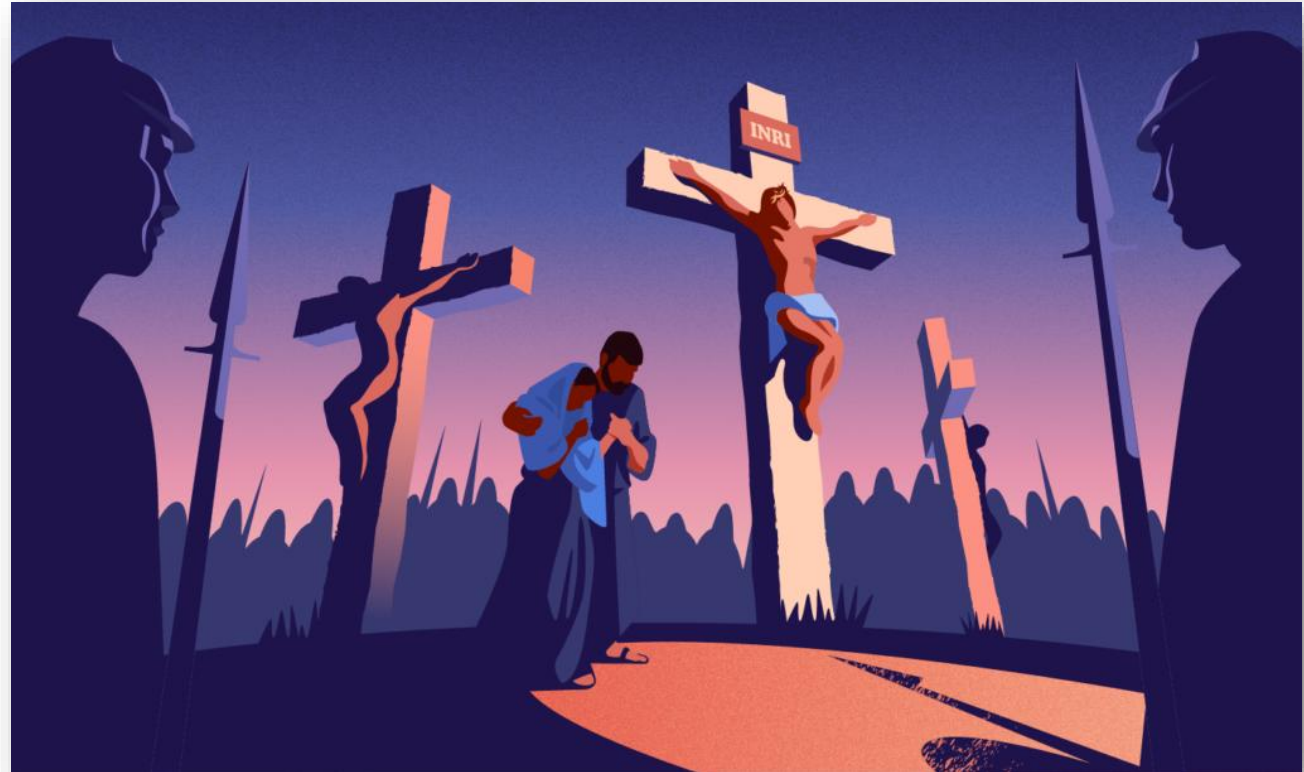
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Mark 3:21, 31-35

³² A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, “**See**, your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.”

³³ “And he said, “**Who is my mother and brothers?**”

³⁴ Then he looked at those seated around him and said, “**See, my mother and my brothers!**” ³⁵ **Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.**”



John 19

“Woman, see,
your son.”

“See, your
mother.”





Ponderings for us today

John 19:25-27

Jesus:

- knows us, loves us
- creates a new community

1 John ch. 3-4

3 ¹See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! ...¹⁶This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth....

²³ And this is his command: ...to love one another ...

4 ⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God. ... ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another...

God is love. ...¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

