

The 8th Station:

The Women of Jerusalem Weep for Jesus



"Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep instead for yourselves." Lk 23, 28

Community

In the crowd are those whose lives have been touched by Jesus' preaching. These women give in to the pain of seeing him so cruelly treated. They break through to protest and to comfort. But pity for him is not enough. He directs them to see that the same passion he endures is carried out in their lives as well. Compassionate union with Jesus must be directed outward in community with our brothers and sisters.

Jesus, I give you my love and compassion. I lament the evil that has made you suffer so much. I ask for the wisdom and honesty I need to examine my life and my world, that I may never compromise with evil and injustice in any form. Give me compassion for all your peoples. Join us in community and bond us as one in your name. Amen.