

Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard." And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed him. And they laid hands on him and seized him.

(Mark 14:44-46)



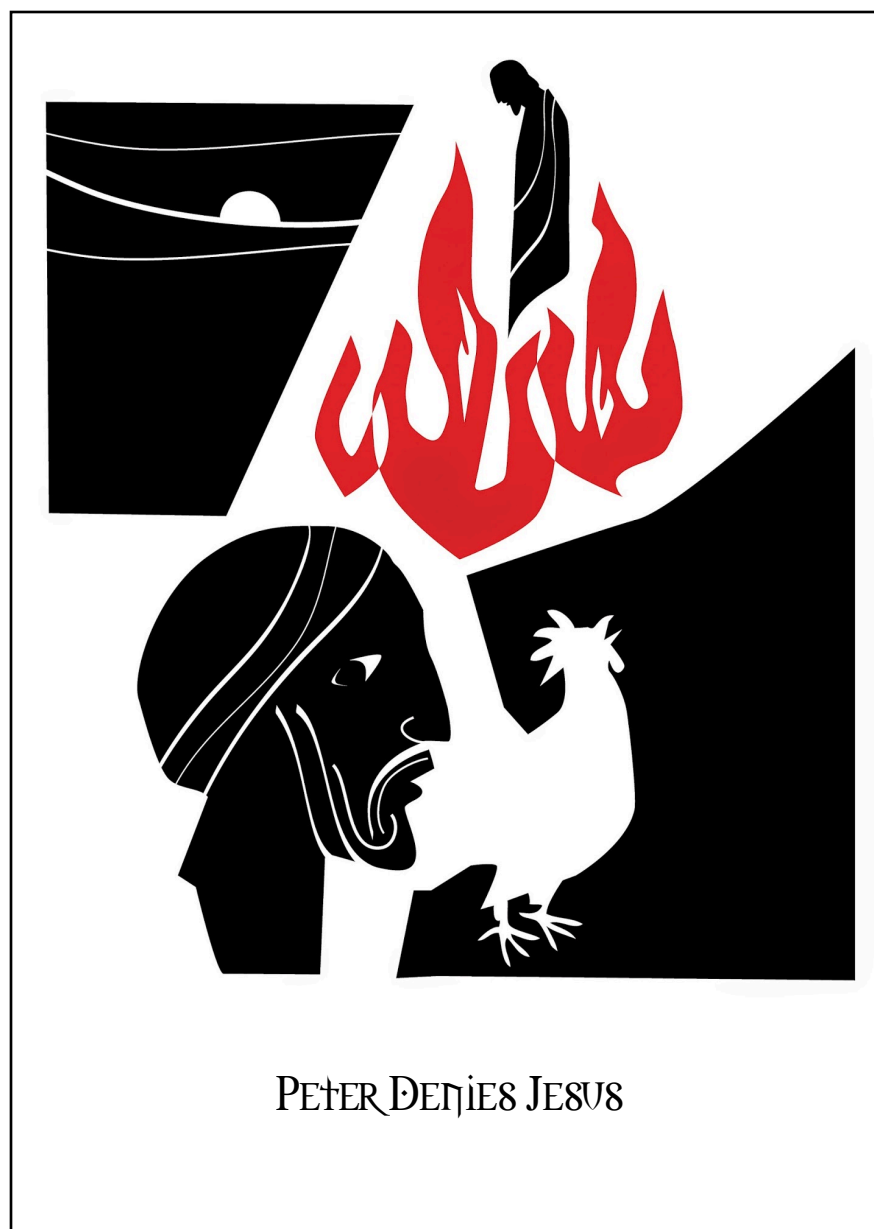
Take a moment to reflect on the image of Jesus betrayed.
Where are you in this image?

Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss. Think of all the ways you have betrayed Jesus with your life. Take a moment and kiss Jesus' name on your bracelet as a symbol of those times that you have betrayed him with your thoughts and actions.



And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, “Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean.” But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about.” And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

(Luke 22:59-62 ESV)



Take a moment to reflect on the image of Peter and Jesus
Where are you in this image?

Look at the name of Jesus on your bracelet. In what ways have you denied him in your life? Take a marker and scratch out Jesus' name on your bracelet as a symbol of the ways you have denied him.



“Pilate said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?’ They all said, ‘Let him be crucified!’ So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, ‘I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.’”

(Matthew 27:22, 24 ESV)



Take a moment to reflect on the image of Jesus before Pilate.
See yourself in the scene.

Dip your fingertips into the bowl representing Jesus’ blood.
Then, wash your hands in the other bowl.

In what ways have you “washed your hands” of Jesus with your life?
Take a moment and confess those as we begin.



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Station Four: Jesus Was Beaten and Mocked

“Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.”

(Isaiah 53:4-5 ESV)



Take a moment to reflect on the image of Jesus beaten.
Where are you in this image?

Take a piece of masking tape and hold it in your hand. What griefs of yours did Jesus bear on the cross? What sorrows did he carry for you? For which of your transgressions was he pierced? For which of your iniquities was he crushed?

Take a moment and write down those that come to mind on your piece of tape in marker. After you have written them down, take your tape with you to the next station.

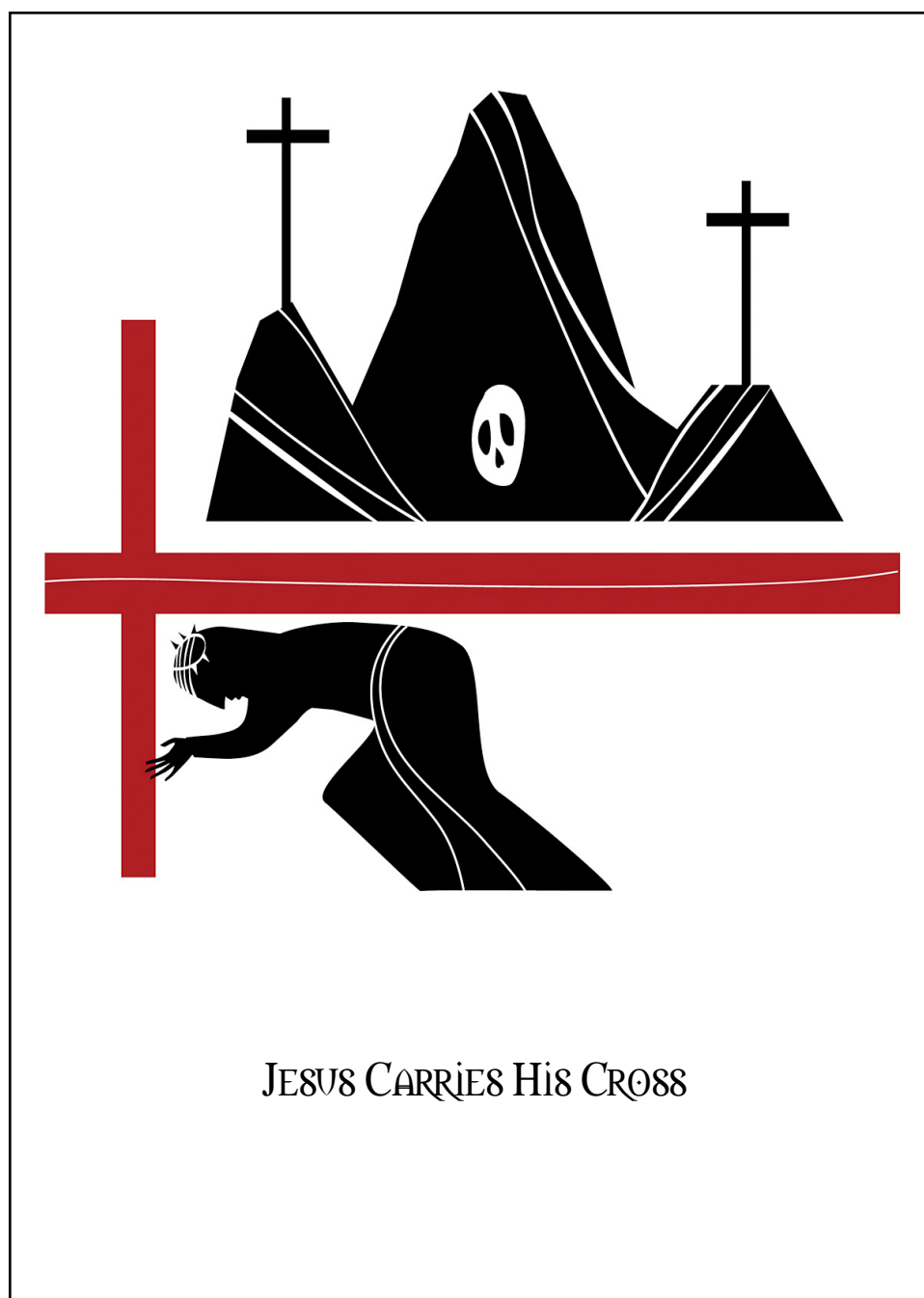


“So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.

(John 19:16-17 ESV)

Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

(Matthew 16:24-25 ESV)



Take a moment to reflect on the image of Jesus carrying his cross (your cross).

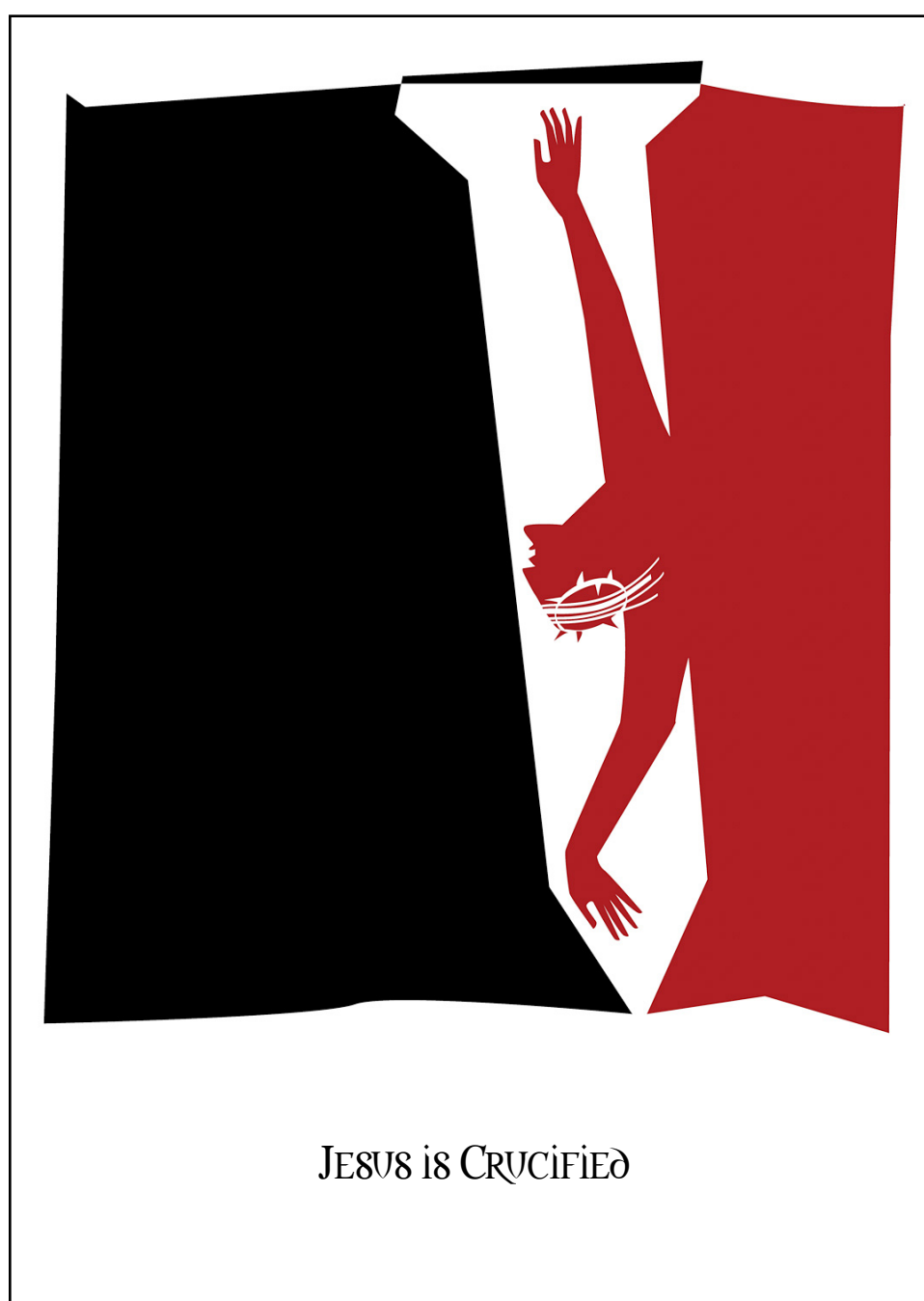
Using the white cloth from the last station and two popsicle sticks, make a cross.

What does it mean to you that Jesus bore the cross that you deserved to carry?
What does it mean to take up your own cross to follow after Jesus as a disciple?



“There they nailed him to the cross. Two others were crucified with him, one on either side with Jesus in the middle.

(John 19:18)



Take a moment to reflect on the image of Jesus on the cross.

Using a nail and the hammer, nail your little cross to the large cross.
Ask for forgiveness as you do.



...but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

(John 19:25-27 ESV)



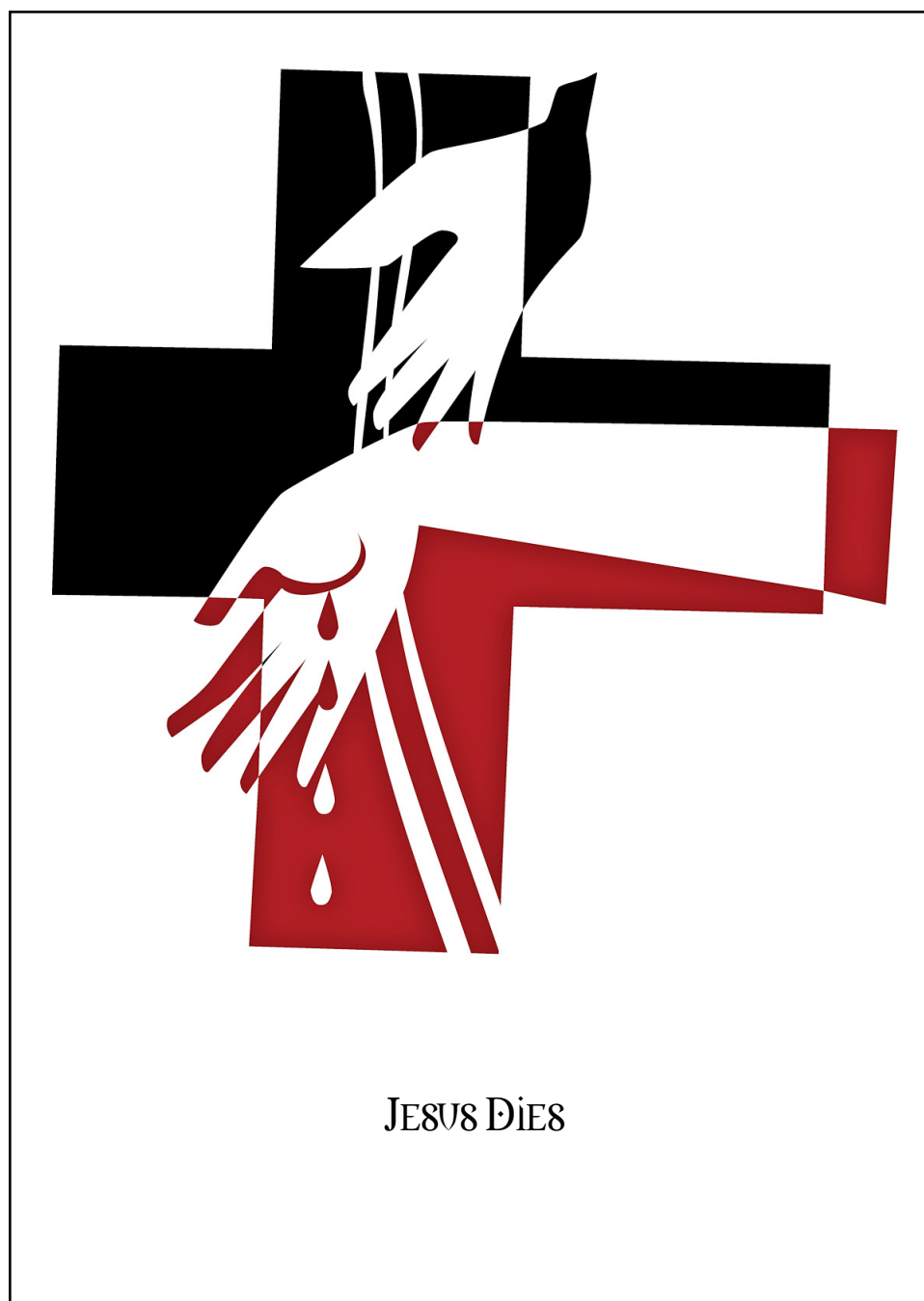
Take a moment to reflect on the image of Mary and John.

As followers of Jesus, we are adopted into a new family. Take a piece of construction paper and connect it to the paper chain, symbolizing your membership into this new family of God.



When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

(John 19:30 ESV)



Take a moment to reflect on the image of Mary and Jesus.

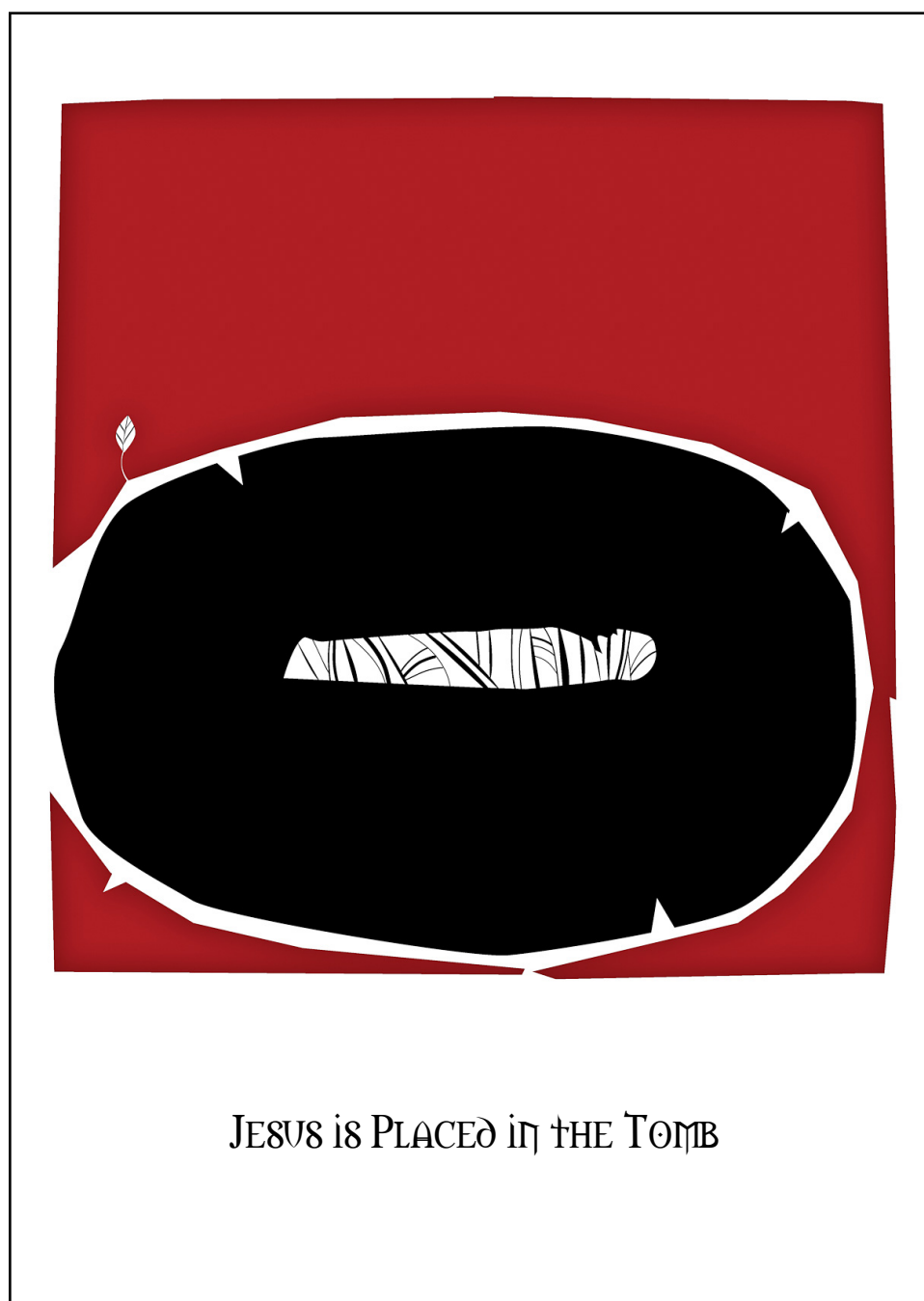
Dip a Q-Tip into the bowl, and place it on your tongue. Taste the bitter vinegar, remembering the bitter times in your life. Pray that God will carry you through tough times to come, as well.

What do Jesus' final words ("It is finished") mean for your life?
Take a moment to reflect and pray.



When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.

(Matthew 27:57-60 ESV)



Take a moment to reflect on the image of Jesus in the tomb. Our natural tendency as Christians is to jump ahead to Sunday and the Resurrection. What must it have been like for disciples who didn't know that Sunday was coming?

Remove your bracelet and "bury" it in the tomb (place it in the box).

