

The Daughters of Jerusalem and Jesus' Crucifixion

Arriving at Golgotha, Jesus spoke a harrowing warning to the women he saw weeping for him along the road. At the ninth Station of the Cross, we'll examine the warning Jesus gave the women he called "Daughters of Jerusalem." Then comes the tenth Station of the Cross: Jesus' crucifixion. With awe and trepidation, we'll witness Jesus, nailed to a cross, bear the full weight of human sin. We'll reflect on the words he spoke from the cross, discuss what Jesus accomplished there, and what it all means for our lives today.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- What do you think most people want to communicate when their death is imminent?
- Imagine you are at the crucifixion of Jesus. Describe what you think you might see, hear, smell, or feel?



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READ [Luke 23:26-38](#), [Matthew 27:39-43](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- How might we be like the Daughters of Jerusalem, weeping for Jesus, but not grasping his purpose, leading him to reject our sympathy, just as he did theirs? Instead, Jesus pointed their attention, and ours, ahead to something worse.
- Why is it important to remember that Jesus was treated like a common criminal, crucified with thieves on either side of him? How does this highlight the contrast of Jesus' sinless nature and the nature of his grace and mercy?
- When Jesus was on the cross, the people mocked him by urging him to show his power by saving himself. Host Scott Hoezee noted, "If Jesus had managed to leap off the cross; if he made the nails and ropes disappear and he stood in front of those people without a mark on him, yes; people would have come to believe in him, but unfortunately, there really would not be anything to believe in then." What strikes you about Scott's statement?
- Have you ever been tempted to *help* Jesus accomplish your salvation? How has reflecting on Stations of the Cross nine and ten helped root you again in God's grace and mercy?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Mark 15:21-32](#), [John 19:16b-24](#), [Luke 19:28-44](#), [Matthew 13:1-9](#), [Luke 21:5-36](#), [Hosea 10:1-8](#), [Galatians 2:19-21](#), [Romans 6:1-14](#), [Romans 5:6-10](#), [2 Corinthians 5:11-21](#)

CONCLUSION

Stations of the Cross, nine and ten show us Jesus' humility and acceptance. He has accepted the way of the cross, but still carries a heavy weight on his heart for the people who will never recognize him as the Messiah. His grace and mercy take center stage as he asks the heavenly Father to forgive those who crucified him without comprehending the profound significance of their actions. We see the stark contrast between Jesus Christ's innocence and our guilt. As you close your time, consider the contrast between the horror and sadness of crucifixion on the one hand, and the amazing depiction of God's grace and love through Christ's crucifixion on the other.

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