

Front lights on low.

Room lights on #3.

No spot light.

Turn camera on

CALVARY: THE WAY TO RESURRECTION

INTRODUCTION:

Jesus' walk to Calvary is similar to the journey in our own lives.

On the way to his death,

Jesus showed us how to live and how to die.

We cannot rise with Christ unless we also first die with Him.

It is by carrying our own crosses

that we come to know God's mercy and love.

So, as we enter into this journey with our Lord,

let us feel as He felt, hurt as He hurt, love as he loved.

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Room lights to #4.

First Station: Jesus is unjustly condemned

(Pilot and Jesus)

Spot light on.

Reader 1:

Jesus is unfairly accused and put on trial
for loving and caring about others.

Pilot convicts Jesus against his better judgment,
to please the crowd.

Sometimes we meet people and judge them
because of the way they look or act.

Sometimes we forget our own morals and values
and follow the crowd.

Dear Jesus, help me to be fair and help me
not to judge others.

Help me also to stand up for what I believe in
and do the right thing
so I can be loving and caring like you.

Spot light off.

NOTE: "Jesus, Remember Me" is sung, two times

Second Station: Jesus takes up his cross

(Soldiers put the cross on Jesus' shoulders)

Spot light on.

Reader 2:

Jesus takes on the great burden of carrying the cross.

Though he is not guilty of any crime, he accepts the heavy cross
and carries it to show how much he loves us.

We must accept what happens in our life.

When our own cross seems too heavy,

we must stop and think of Jesus

and how much he suffered for us.

Dear Jesus,

when I have problems,

I am, in a way, carrying your cross with you.

Even though I bear only a piece of your cross,

you are there to help carry all of mine.

Spot light off.

NOTE: "Jesus, Remember Me" is sung, two times.

Third Station: Jesus falls the first time

(Soldiers push Jesus on)

Spot light on.

Reader 3:

The cross is heavy and Jesus is weak.

The soldiers are pushing him along.

When all of the sudden, he stumbles and falls.

Sometimes we say mean things that hurt others.

It is like falling...

every time we do not listen to our parents,

fail to do our homework or cheat on a test.

Dear Jesus,

I make mistakes.

Help me to realize that when I hurt others

or do not help when I can

I am hurting myself and hurting you.

Spot light off.

NOTE: "Jesus, Remember Me" is sung, two times

Fourth Station: Jesus meets Mary
(Mary and Jesus meet)

Spot light on.

Reader 4:

Along the road, Mary catches a glimpse of her son
and for a brief moment, their eyes meet.

Imagine the pain she must feel,
knowing that she cannot do anything to help him.

A mother is loving and forgiving,
one who shares our sorrow and pain as if it were her own.

Our joy is her joy,
our sadness, her sadness.

Dear Jesus,
help me to love your Mother, Mary,
whom you loved so much.
Teach me to always show how much I love
my parents, grandparents, and guardians.

Spot light off.

NOTE: "Jesus, Remember Me" is sung, two times

Fifth Station: Simon helps carry the cross

(Simon helps Jesus)

Spot light on.

Reader 5:

Simon is just an ordinary person
who is selected out of the crowd to help Jesus carry his cross.
Simon did not want to get involved.
But, by the time they reached the top of the hill,
he was glad he helped Jesus.
Sometimes we argue about having to help
or do things we do not want to do.

Dear Jesus,
let me always be ready and willing to help others.
I can then be like Simon and help you to carry your cross.

Spot light off.

NOTE: "Jesus, Remember Me" is sung, two times

Sixth Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

(Veronica wipes Jesus' face)

Spot light on.

Reader 6:

Jesus is hot and sweaty
and the blood is running into his eyes making it difficult to see.
Out of the crowd comes Veronica,
a woman who makes her way to Jesus to wipes his face.
In thanks, he left a picture of his face on her veil.
Like Veronica, we should offer our help willingly
without always having to be asked.

Dear Jesus,
teach me to be brave
and stand up for what is right.
Help me to realize
that whatever I do for others,
I do for you.

Spot light off.

NOTE: "Jesus, Remember Me" is sung, two times

**Seventh Station: Jesus falls the second time
(Soldiers whip Jesus. Simon helps him up.)**

Spot light on.

Reader 7:

Jesus falls again.

The cross seems heavier now

and the pain is stronger.

Yet no one there could take away his suffering.

He was all alone.

There are times that, like Jesus, we feel alone.

Dear Jesus,

give me your strength to withstand

the suffering that comes from peer pressure

as a result of trying to do the right things.

Help me to remember

that I am never alone,

for you are always with me.

Spot light off.

NOTE: "Jesus, Remember Me" is sung, two time

**Eighth Station: Jesus consoles the women and children
(The women and children are sad and crying.)**

Spot light on.

Reader 8:

Despite his own suffering,
Jesus takes time to comfort the women and children in the crowd.
He stops and says to them
“Don’t cry for me, but for yourselves and your children.”
Sometimes we are so wrapped up in our own problems
that we forget about others.

Dear Jesus,
you love me no matter what I do.
May your suffering make me strong
and help me share your love
with everyone I meet.

Spot light off.

NOTE: “Jesus, Remember Me” is sung, two times

Ninth Station: Jesus falls the third time

(Soldiers push)

Spot light on.

Reader 9:

Jesus falls for the last time under the weight of the cross
only to get up again.

His falling is the only station that is repeated.

Jesus sets an example for all of us
by trying again and again.

When we fail,
we must keep trying just as Jesus did.

Dear Jesus,
when I am really down,
help me remember that you got up again and again.
Rather than find blame,
help me move on.

Spot light off.

NOTE: "Jesus, Remember Me" is sung, two times

Tenth Station: Jesus is stripped of his garments

(Soldiers rib off Jesus' robe)

Spot light on.

Reader 10:

Jesus stands on top of the hill
and is stripped of his clothes.
He teaches us that we should value people more than things.
Material things that are of value to us today,
are often thrown away tomorrow.

Dear Jesus,
everything I have is a gift from you.
Everything I do, I try to do in your name.
Please help me remember
that without you in my life,
I have nothing.

Spot light off.

NOTE: "Jesus, Remember Me" is sung, two times

Eleventh Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross

(Soldiers nail Jesus to the Cross.)

Spot light on.

Reader 11:

The soldiers roughly place Jesus down on the cross,
and nails are driven into his hands and feet.

Sometimes we must give up what we have
or do what we do not want to do.

Dear Jesus,

Help me forgive people who hurt me.

Just as you forgave those
who nailed you to the cross.

Spot light off.

NOTE: "Jesus, Remember Me" is sung, two times

Twelfth Station: Jesus dies on the cross

(Jesus hangs on the cross)

Spot light on.

Reader 12:

Please Kneel.

Jesus knows that now

everything has been completed.

He yells out, "It is finished!"

then bows his head and gives up his spirit.

It was so unnecessary for Jesus to die this way.

He was not a criminal.

He had done no wrong.

So often, that seems the way.

Look at the thousands of people that are killed each day

through abortion, war, and acts of violence.

Jesus said,

"As long as you did it to one of these, you did it to me."

Dear Jesus,

you died so that I can live.

Thank you, Jesus, thank you.

AFTER THE TWELVTH STATION IS READ

THE TAPE IS STARTED.

(The Crucifixion from JC Superstar)

All lights off after Jesus' head goes down.

SILENCE and Darkness

When actors are in position spot light on and reader 13 begins.

Room lights slowly come back on. (#4)

The soundtrack will continue into soft music and then end.

It will be in the background for Readers 13 & 14. The music & reader 14 should end at same time, though reader might be longer, depending on timing.

Thirteenth Station: Jesus is taken down from the cross

(Jesus lies in the arms of Mary)

Music down low

Reader 13:

The suffering is over
and the body of Jesus now rests peacefully
in the arms of his mother.
Mary's heart nearly breaks with sorrow.
Jesus has shown us the way to love
and has given us the gift of peace.

Spot light off.

Dear Jesus,
in looking at your body
I find hope.
Help me to embrace and accept my crosses.
Help me keep my arms open and never let them close.
This is my way of sharing your love and peace with everyone.

Fourteenth Station: The burial of Jesus

(Jesus' body is in the tomb)

Spot light on.

Reader 14:

Jesus' body is placed in a tomb where it remains for three days.

The people gathered around mourn his death

and remember his life.

When Jesus came back to life,

all people got a new beginning.

His Resurrection shows his never-ending love for us.

Jesus gives us his Holy Spirit.

Dear Jesus, help me remember how you lived

so that I may be like you

and make this world a better place.

Leave spot light on.

Reader 15:

Jesus died,
but will always be with us.

For in 3 days
He rises up from the dead,
all bright and glorious.

We believe in the Father,
And the Son,
and the Holy Spirit
even though we cannot see them.

We know they are always here
to fill us with their love.

We believe!

ALL: We believe!

Front lights on low.

Room lights to #3 for people to see on their way out.

All are asked to leave in silence.

Turn camera off