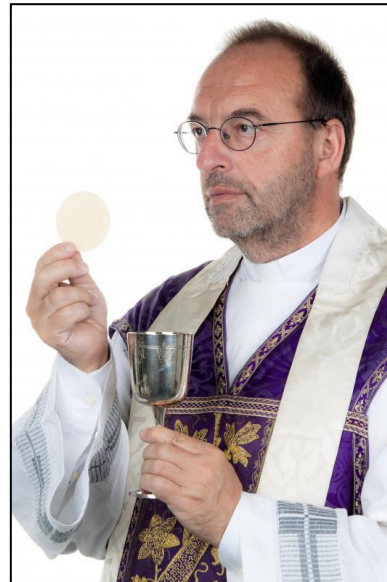


## People Who Make Sacrifices



# Excuses!

*"God loves those who give generously and sacrificially."*

Jesus heard just about every excuse there ever was. Be a detective and try to figure out the excuses people gave in these passages. Note your findings in your jotter.

- Matthew 8:21-22
- Matthew 19:21-22
- Mark 9:43-47
- Luke 14:16-20

Read from the Bible Mark 12:41-44 then copy and complete the following in your jotter:

As Jesus sat near the \_\_\_\_\_, he watched the people as they dropped in their \_\_\_\_\_. Many rich men dropped in a lot of money;<sup>42</sup> then a poor \_\_\_\_\_ came along and dropped in two little \_\_\_\_\_ coins, worth about a penny.<sup>43</sup> He called his \_\_\_\_\_ together and said to them,

I tell you that this poor widow put more in the \_\_\_\_\_ than all the others.<sup>44</sup> For the others put in what they had to spare of their \_\_\_\_\_; but she, poor as she is, put in all she had—she gave all she had to \_\_\_\_\_ on.



Find the meaning of the following words:

**widow      temple      treasury**  
**copper**

*Answer the following questions in your jotter.*

1. Who do you think God appreciated more in the story? Explain.
2. Why does Jesus say the widow put in more than anyone else? Didn't she only give one penny?
3. What do you think it means to give generously?
4. What do you think it means to give sacrificially?

# The Final Judgement

**Matthew 25:31 -40.**

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory with all of his angels, he will sit on his royal throne.

"The people of all nations will be brought before him, and he will separate them, as shepherds separate their sheep from their goats.

"He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. The King will say to those on his right, 'My Father has blessed you! Come and receive the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world was created. When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat, and when I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I was a stranger, you welcomed me, and when I was naked, you gave me clothes to wear. When I was sick, you took care of me, and when I was in jail, you visited me.'"

"Then the ones who pleased the Lord will ask, 'When did we give you something to eat or drink? When did we welcome you as a stranger or give you clothes to wear or visit you while you were sick or in jail?'"

"The King will answer, 'Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me.'"

**Complete the following questions in your jotter.**

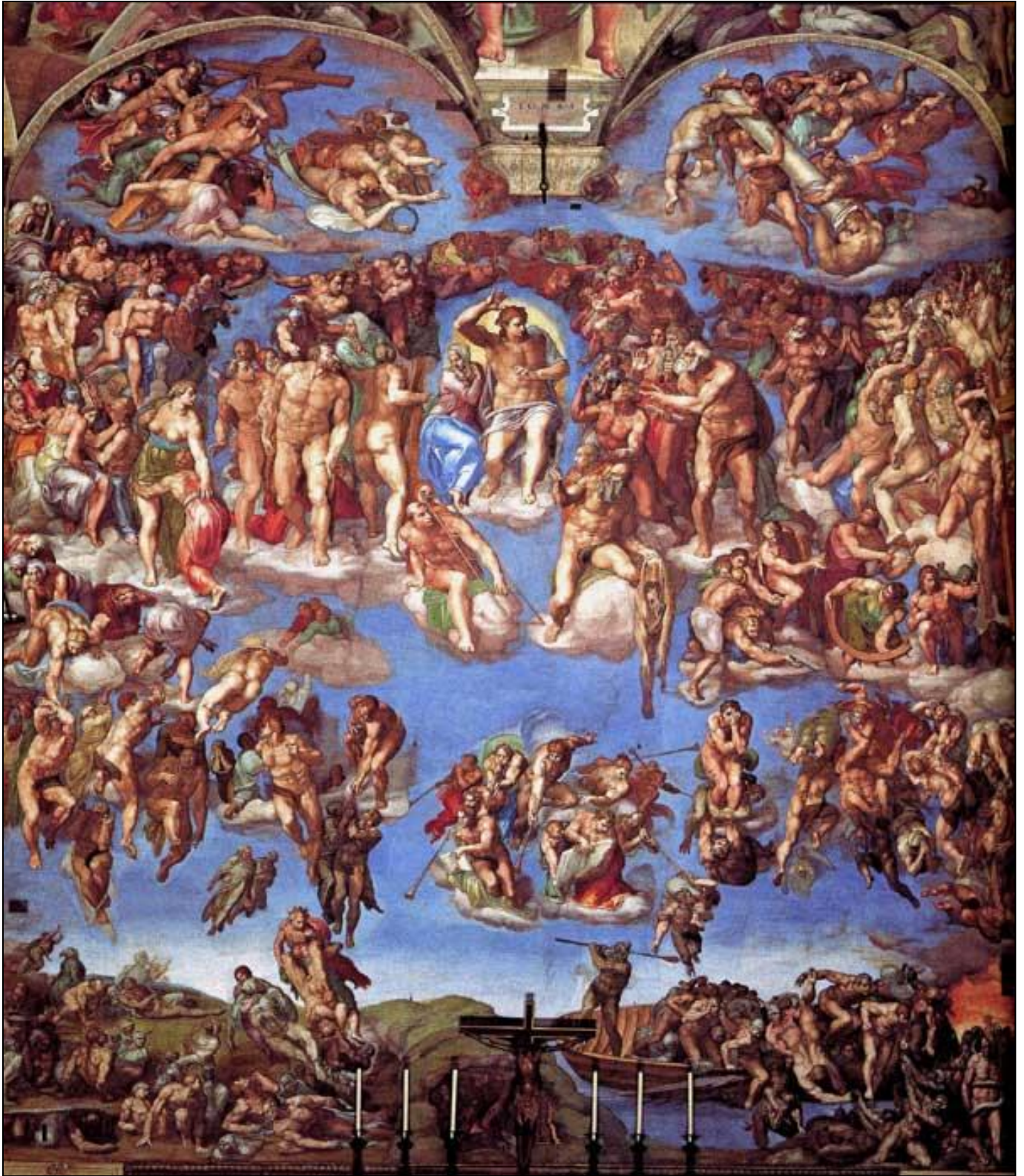
1. Who do you think the king is?
2. Who do you think the king's father is?
3. What does it mean to 'inherit the kingdom'?
4. Who does Jesus say will be blessed? Why?
5. What do you think 'the least of these' means?
6. Who are the members of the king's family?





# The Last Judgement

Michelangelo



## Talking About the Painting

Discuss in groups what you can see in the painting and what you think it means/represents.

Find the following:

- Christ the Judge - The centre figure is Christ deciding the destiny of the human race.
- Angels trumpets and the Archangel Michael - The dead are awakened by angels trumpets and the Archangel Michael reads from the book of souls to be saved.
- St Bartholomew holds his own skin - Just below the figure of Christ, are St Lawrence holding a ladder (this symbolizes the saint's martyrdom on a grate over hot coals). St Bartholomew holds a sheet of his own skin in his left hand and in his right hand is a knife. This symbolizes the terrible fate of Bartholomew who was flayed alive. The face on the skin is reputed to be a self-portrait of the artist.
- St John The Baptist - On the left of the picture are St Andrew holding his cross and St John the Baptist is the powerfully built figure gazing across at Christ.
- St Peter - The figure of St Peter on the right holds a silver and a gold key, the keys to heaven, this is actually a portrait of Pope Paul III.
- St Sebastian, St Blaise and St Catherine - Below Peter are St Blaise and St Catherine. St Catherine holds the toothed knife of her martyrdom and St Blaise carries the iron combs used for his torture, St Sebastian is beside them with arrows in his hand.
- The boatman Charon - At the bottom of the painting the boatman Charon can be seen ferrying the damned into hell. *Charon is the mythical boatman of Roman and Greek mythology who ferried the damned to hell.*
- The resurrection of the dead - The resurrection of the dead is shown at the bottom left of the painting.
- Damned Man - Lower down on Christ's right is the figure of a damned man who covers one eye in fear of his terrible fate.
- The Saved Rejoice - Those who are saved cling on to the cross of Christ and give thanks.



## True Happiness



Discuss the following in your group  
and note your findings.

What is important in your life? What makes you happy?
What do you think is important to your parents? What makes them happy?
Can you suggest things which give <b>long term</b> happiness?
What happiness can you find in your 'faith'?

**I understand that true happiness lies in being concerned  
with what matters to God.**

# The Beatitudes Brought to Life!



## **The Eight Beatitudes (from the Sermon on the Mount)**

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
2. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
3. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
6. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
8. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Match the example below with the correct beatitude.**

- A. Those who accept and recognise the gifts God has given them with gratitude and patience and without complaint.
- B. Those who are bullied for loyalty to Jesus and to His Church. If we suffer with Christ, we will share in His resurrection.
- C. Those who forgive others and show kindness and compassion toward those who have hurt them. Jesus said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."
- D. Those who feel sorrow over the loss, by separation or death, of someone dear to them. They will get the strength to go on and even to grow closer to God.
- E. Those who go out of their way to bring people together no matter what the dangers are. They are God's special children and will enjoy heavenly glory in the family of the saints.
- F. Those who want what God' wants. If we desire to be like Jesus and follow in his path, we will find true happiness.
- G. Those who have material possessions but are ready to give them up when self-sacrifice is called for. They realise that nothing they have can be called their own because everything is a gift from God.
- H. Those who live good lives and always try to be kind and loving to all. They are free of excessive love of earthly things. They have put God first in their lives and so will see Him in the next.



## Beatitudes Scavenger Hunt Cards

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Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and  
falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of  
me

Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

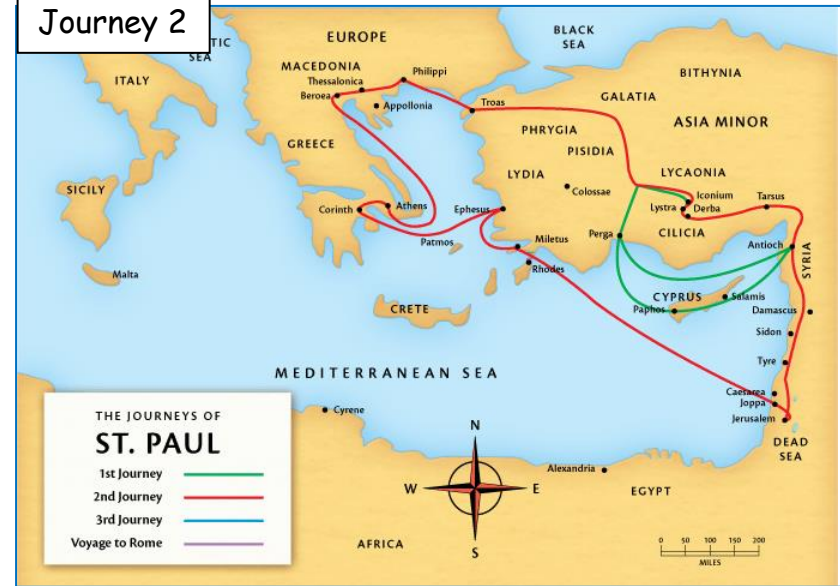


# Maps of the Journeys of St Paul

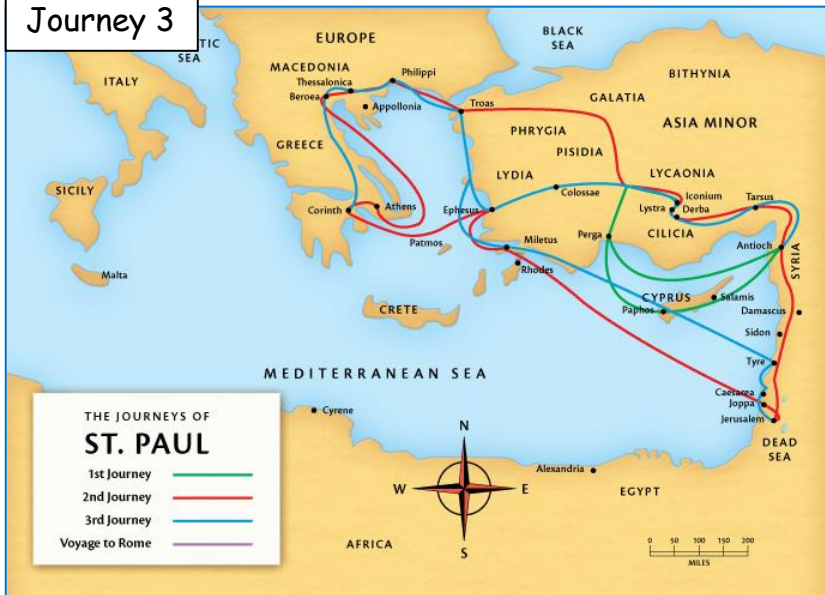
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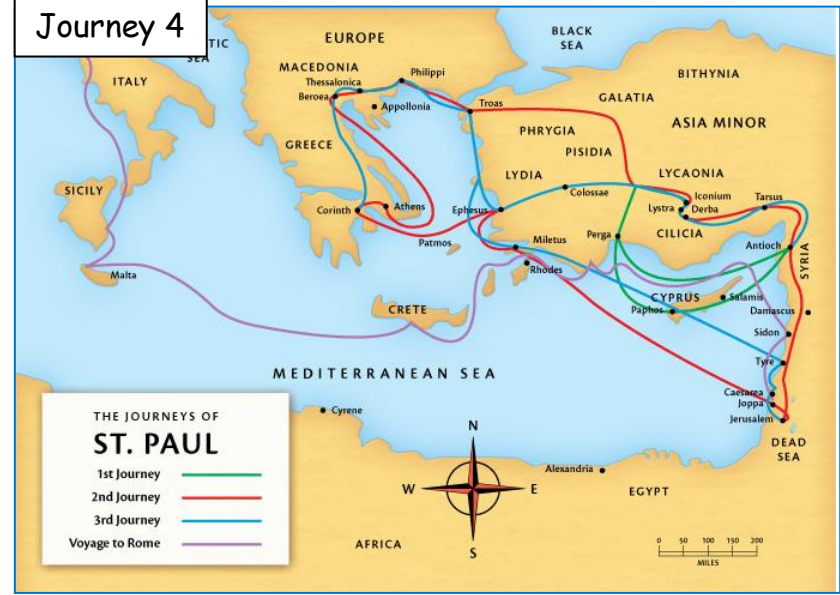
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Journey 3



Journey 4





# St. Paul

Paul was known as "Saul" in Tarsus, a city in modern Turkey. Saul made tents and then sold them to make a living. Saul also studied Jewish law and became an expert and a teacher. When Saul heard about the Christians, he was very angry. Christians believed that Jesus was God's Son, and Saul wouldn't believe that. Then one day, Saul was going to Damascus to help arrest Christians. Along the way, a blinding light suddenly shone and forced Saul to fall on the ground. Jesus told Saul to stop hurting Christians. It was then that Saul realized that Jesus was God's Son. Saul began to study and learn about Jesus and was finally

baptized a Christian. During the years that followed, Paul traveled to many cities teaching and writing to people about Jesus. Because most of the people he visited were not Jewish, he used his non-Jewish (Gentile) name, "Paul," and is often referred to as the Apostle of the Gentiles.



## Activities:

1. Starting with Jerusalem, connect the dots to show the journeys of St. Paul.
2. Read the list of cities Paul visited. Do you recognize any of the names? Share what you know.
3. Color the water blue and the land area beige or tan.
4. Talk about the things St. Paul might have needed to take on his journeys.

# THE FISHERS OF MEN

## Matthew 4: 16-18

Read the passage from the Bible and complete the following in your jotter.

*Fill in the blanks.*

As \_\_\_\_\_ walked along the shore of \_\_\_\_\_, he saw two brothers who were \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (called Peter) and his brother \_\_\_\_\_, catching fish in the lake with a \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 4:18)

*Rewrite the sentences using the correct word.*

1. Jesus told the two fishermen that he would teach them to catch (MEN, FISH).
2. The brothers left the shore of Galilee (THE NEXT MORNING, THAT NIGHT, STRAIGHT AWAY)
3. As they walked on, they saw two other brothers (PHILIP AND JUDAS, JOHN AND JAMES)

*Write down the statement and say whether it is true, false or can't tell*

1. Then He got into one of the boats and asked Simon to take Him out to sea.
2. The second two brothers Jesus met were in their father's boat.
3. Zebedee left the boat also, and followed Jesus.
4. Peter had to think before leaving behind his nets and boat to follow Jesus.

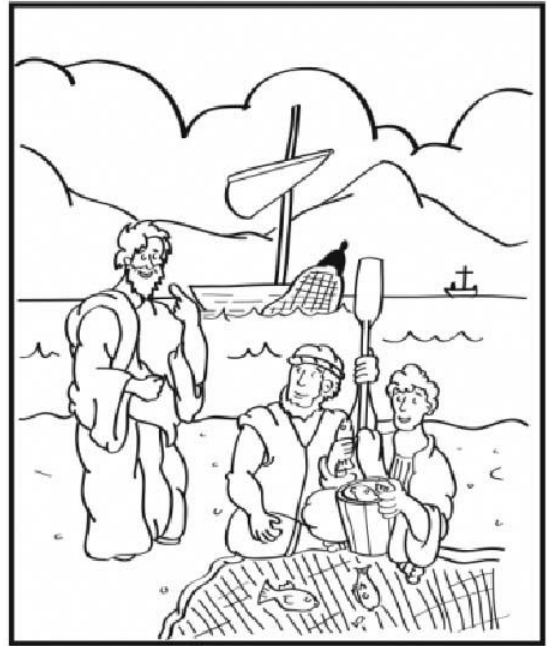


## Think About It

Discuss with your partner, how you would have reacted. Imagine Jesus, a man you didn't know approached you and asked you to leave behind everything, your possessions your family and follow him. What would you think? What would you do?

Why do you think these men said 'Yes'?

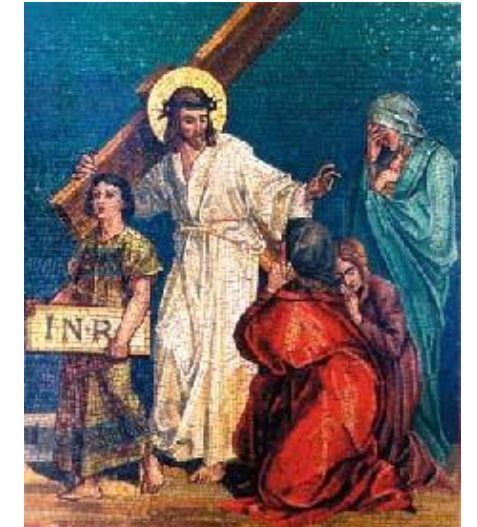
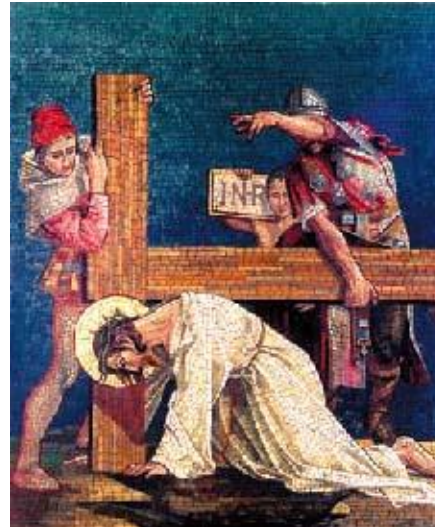
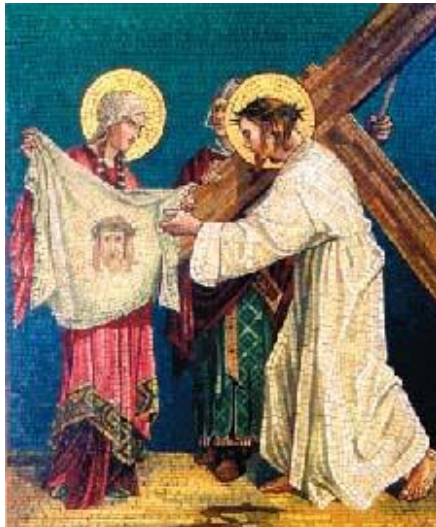
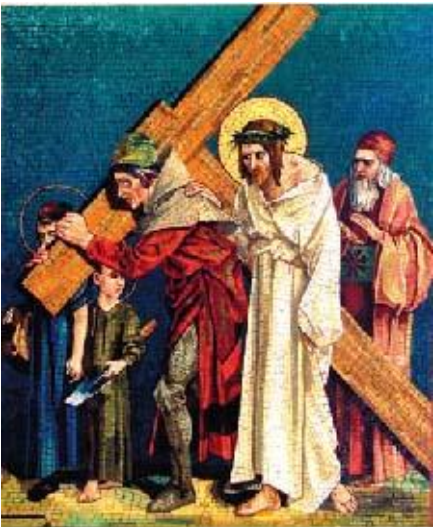
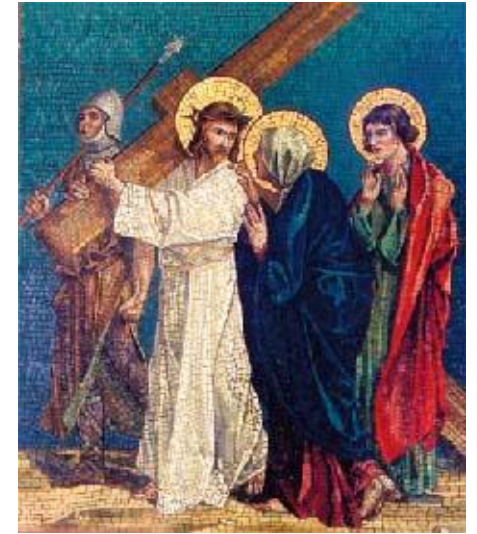
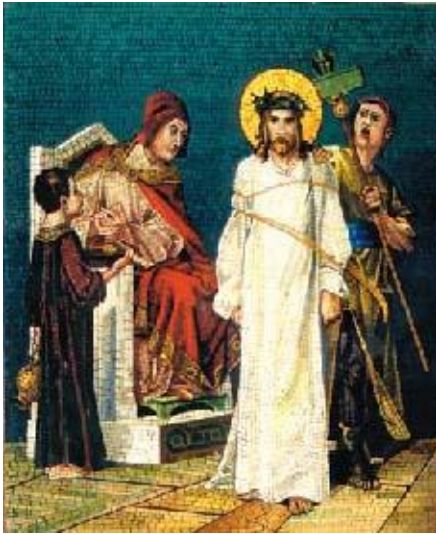
What words would you use to describe these men?





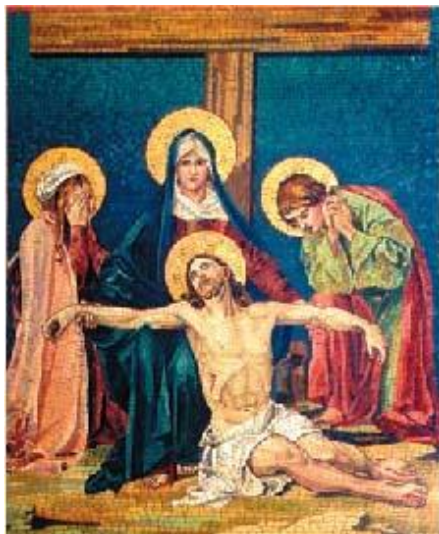
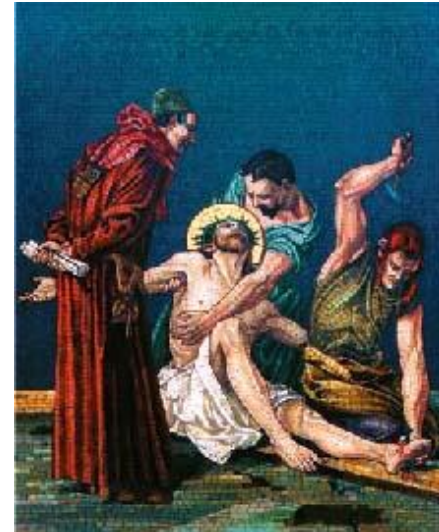
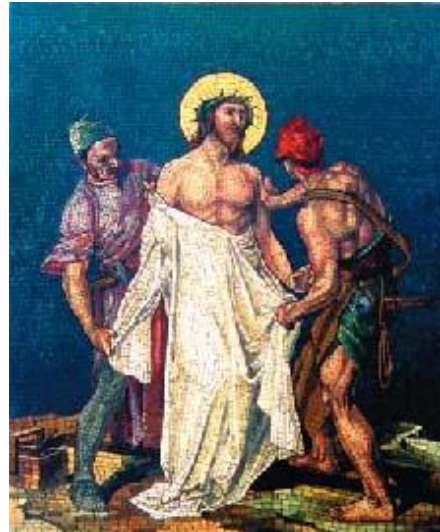
## Stations of the Cross Sequencing Cards (Page 1)

*Cut out and laminate a pack of cards for each group.*





## Stations of the Cross Sequencing Cards (Page 2)



## Titles for Stations of the Cross Sequencing Activity

These should be cut and laminated and placed in a pack with a set of Stations of the Cross Picture Cards.

### **Station 1**

Jesus is Condemned

### **Station 2**

Jesus Receives the Cross

### **Station 3**

Jesus Falls for the 1<sup>st</sup> Time

### **Station 4**

Jesus Meets His Mother

### **Station 5**

Simon Helps Jesus Carry the Cross

### **Station 6**

Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

### **Station 7**

Jesus Falls for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Time

### **Station 8**

Jesus Meets the Women of

### **Station 9**

Jesus Falls for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Time

### **Station 10**

Jesus Is Stripped of His Clothing

### **Station 11**

Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

### **Station 12**

Jesus Dies on the Cross

### **Station 13**

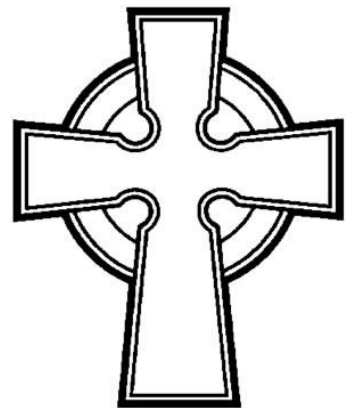
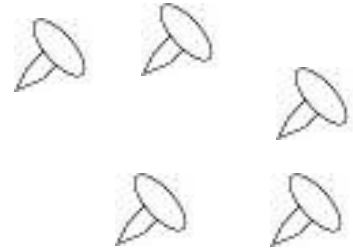
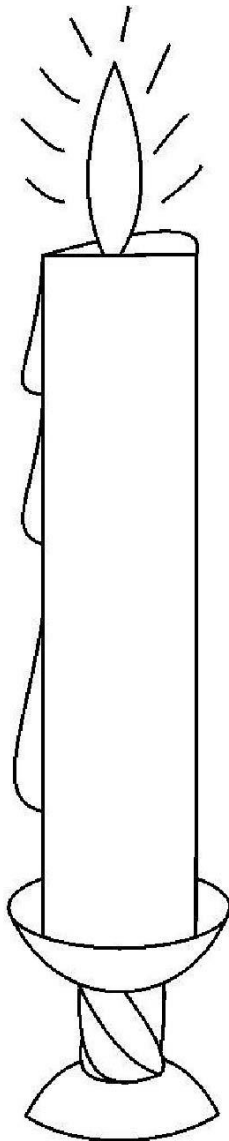
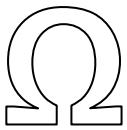
Jesus Is Taken Down from the Cross

### **Station 14**

Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

## The Paschal Candle

Mark the Paschal Candle with the correct symbols. This should then be cut out and pasted into your jotter.





## How Do You Feel Now?

Many people were affected by the Passion of Jesus. How do you think they felt after His death? Use passages from scripture to help you.



Peter the Disciple

Empty speech bubble for Peter the Disciple.



Joseph of Aramathia

Empty speech bubble for Joseph of Aramathia.



The Roman Soldiers

Empty speech bubble for The Roman Soldiers.



Barabbas

Empty speech bubble for Barabbas.



Pontius Pilate

Empty speech bubble for Pontius Pilate.



Mary, Jesus' Mother

Empty speech bubble for Mary, Jesus' Mother.

# Pontius Pilate



Pontius Pilate was a Roman governor of Judea during the reign of Tiberius Caesar. The people of Jerusalem did not think very highly of him, and unfortunately the feeling was mutual. He had proven his distaste for the Jews by authorizing a raid of their Temple treasury in order to build an aqueduct into the city.

The people of Jerusalem began to verbally fight against what they considered sacrilegious, and Pilate sent a regiment of Roman soldiers to quell the uprising. But rather than scaring the unarmed people into subjection, the soldiers killed a great number of them. This event created great tension between Pilate and the Jews. That tension also carried up into the Roman government.

As a representative of the Roman Empire, it was Pilate's responsibility to collect taxes and to keep the peace among the people. His decision to raid the treasury put both him and the Roman Empire at odds with the Jews, which in turn, did not grant him favor among the Roman officials. Pilate remained governor of Judea to

maintain civil order, especially during religious festivals, such as Passover, when throngs of Jews would migrate into Jerusalem.

At one such occasion, the chief priests and officials brought Jesus of Nazareth before him. Pilate tried to pass Jesus off to be judged under the Jewish law, but the Jews were seeking the death penalty, a punishment that could only be carried out by the hands of Romans. If he were to go against their wishes, Pilate knew the people would start a revolt, which would jeopardize his standing with Roman authorities even further.

Pilate was in a difficult position. He ordered Jesus to be beaten, thinking it would appease the mob. But when Pilate brought him back out and presented him before the people, it was obvious that scourging was not sufficient enough for them. The mob began to shout for his crucifixion, stating that according to their law, someone who made themselves out to be the Son of God was worthy of death. This response stirred up great fear in Pilate. He demanded that Jesus tell him where he was from.

When Jesus did not respond, Pilate's tension grew. He attempted to exercise his authority over Jesus, saying that he had the power to either execute him or release him. But Jesus told Pilate that the only power he had over him was the power that was given to him from heaven. During this exchange, only for a moment, Pilate had a revelation of who Jesus was. He realised that Jesus was no ordinary man.

Although Pilate plainly stated that he found no fault with Jesus, the people shouted violently for his death. The fury of the rioters was greater than Pilate's power to control them.

Pilate is often thought of as a coward; one who did not have the personal integrity to stand up against the raging mobs. However, in a last attempt to communicate his disapproval of Jesus' execution, Pilate wrote the title, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews" in Hebrew, Greek and Latin to be hung above the cross."

There are those who come face to face with the truth, and though they recognise it, they also choose to reject it. Pilate believed that Jesus was innocent, and did not want the moral responsibility of condemning an innocent man. Although Pilate had the power to set Jesus free, his fear of insurrection prevented him from making the right moral choice.

## Pontius Pilate - Reciprocal Reading Sheet

Group members:

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What is an aqueduct and why do you think it was important to the city? Why would a raid on the Jewish Temple be carried out?

NAMES					
Tick if contributed					

Why do you think it was important for Pilate to keep peace among the people?

NAMES					
Tick if contributed					

Do you think Pilate cared what happened to Jesus? Why?

NAMES					
Tick if contributed					

Why do you think Pilate posted the sign 'King of the Jews' over Jesus on the cross?

NAMES					
Tick if contributed					

What would you have done if you were in Pilate's shoes?

NAMES					
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