

STATION 1: JESUS IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE



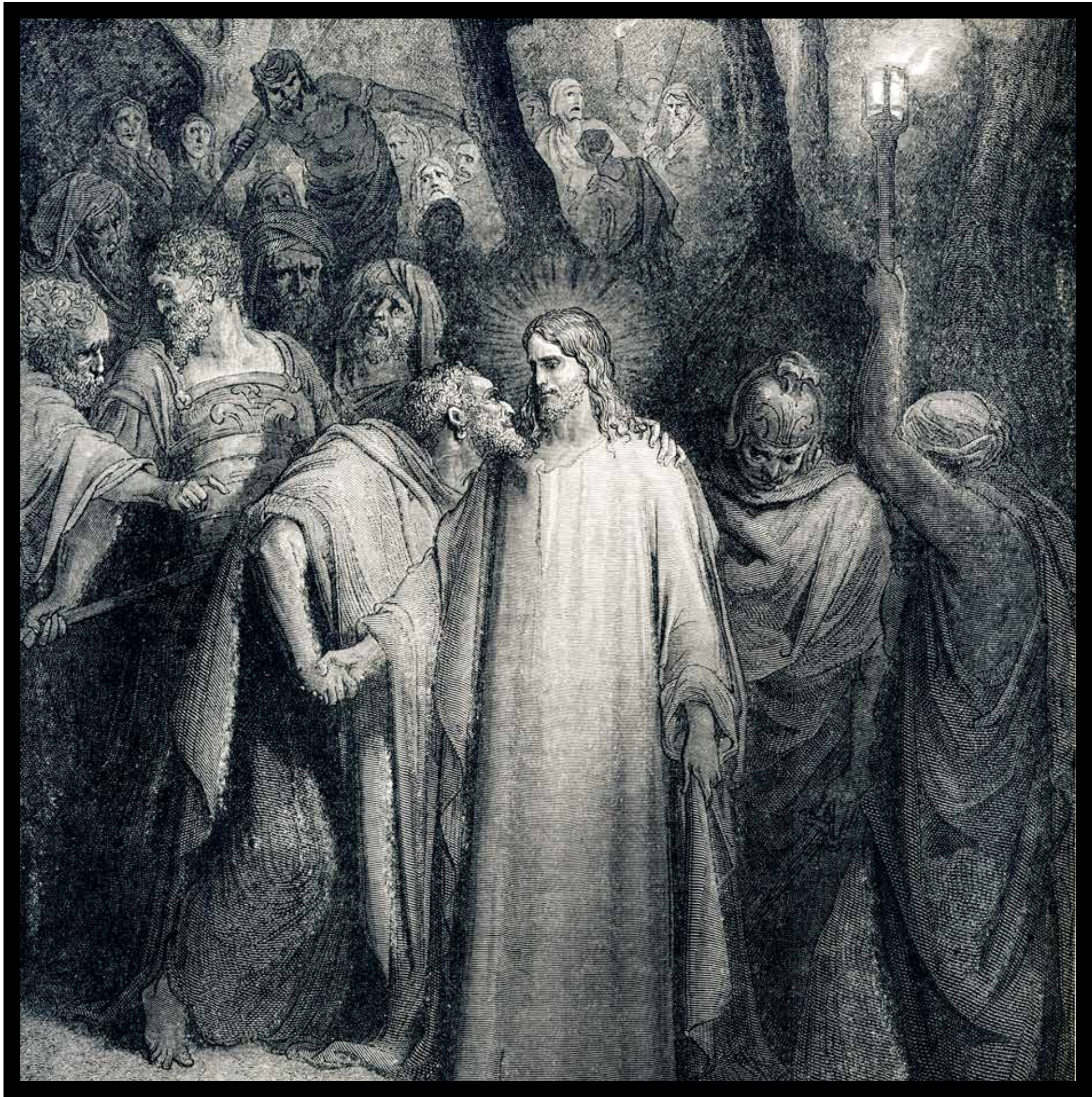
*“Gethsemane: Not my will, but thine be done.”
First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio,
Texas. 1922-1924.*

Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress. Then he said to them, “My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me.” He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will” (Matthew 26:36-39).

God loves us so much that... Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him (Hebrews 5:8-9).

STATION 2

JESUS IS BETRAYED AND ARRESTED



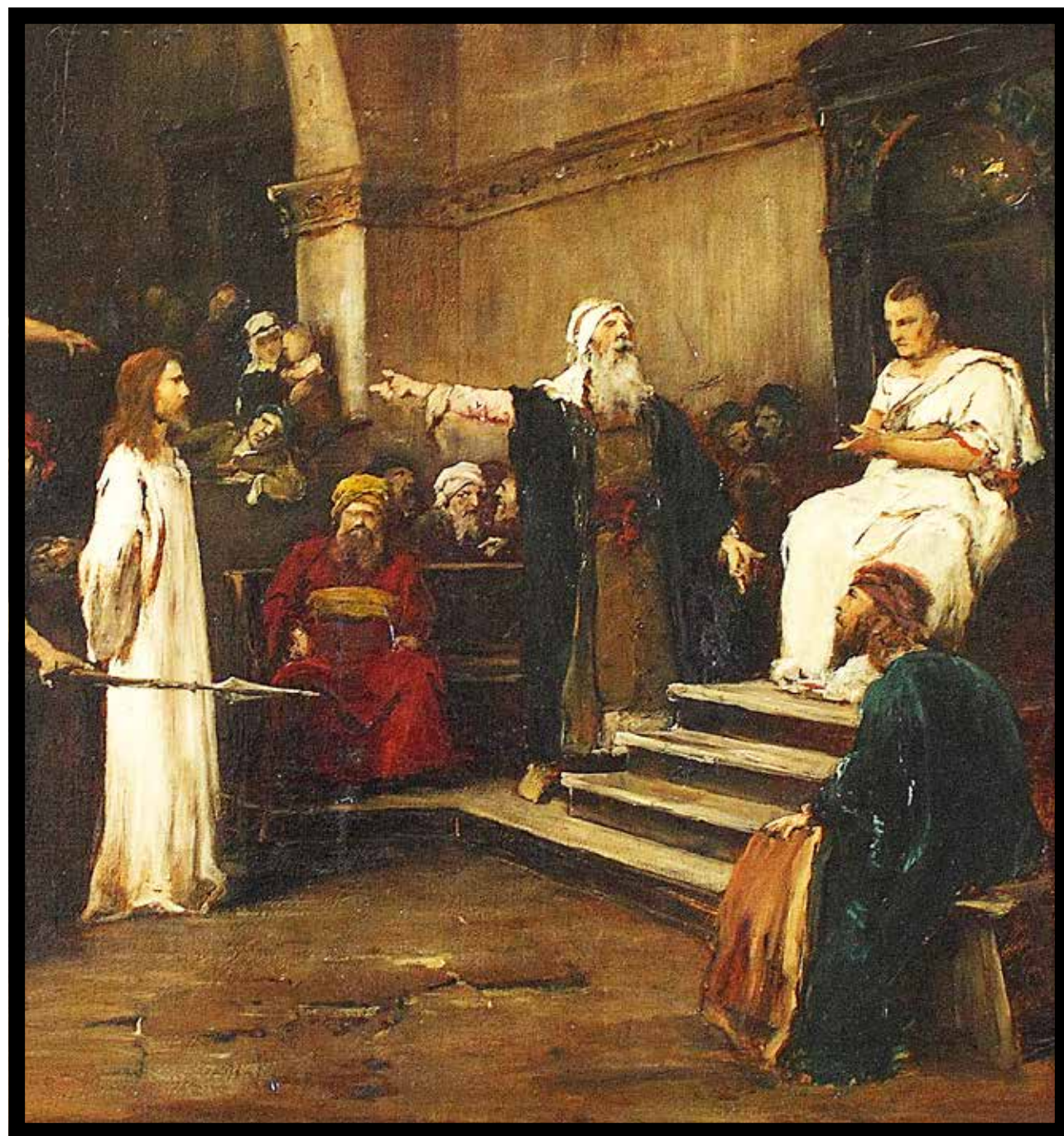
*“The Judas Kiss” (Mark 14:45), engraving by
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Then, while [Jesus] was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. His betrayer had arranged a signal with them, saying, “the man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him and lead him away securely.” He came and immediately went over to him and said, “Rabbi.” And he kissed him. At this, they laid hands on him and arrested him (Mark 14:43-46).

God loves us so much that... The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45).

STATION 3

PILATE CONDEMNS JESUS TO DIE

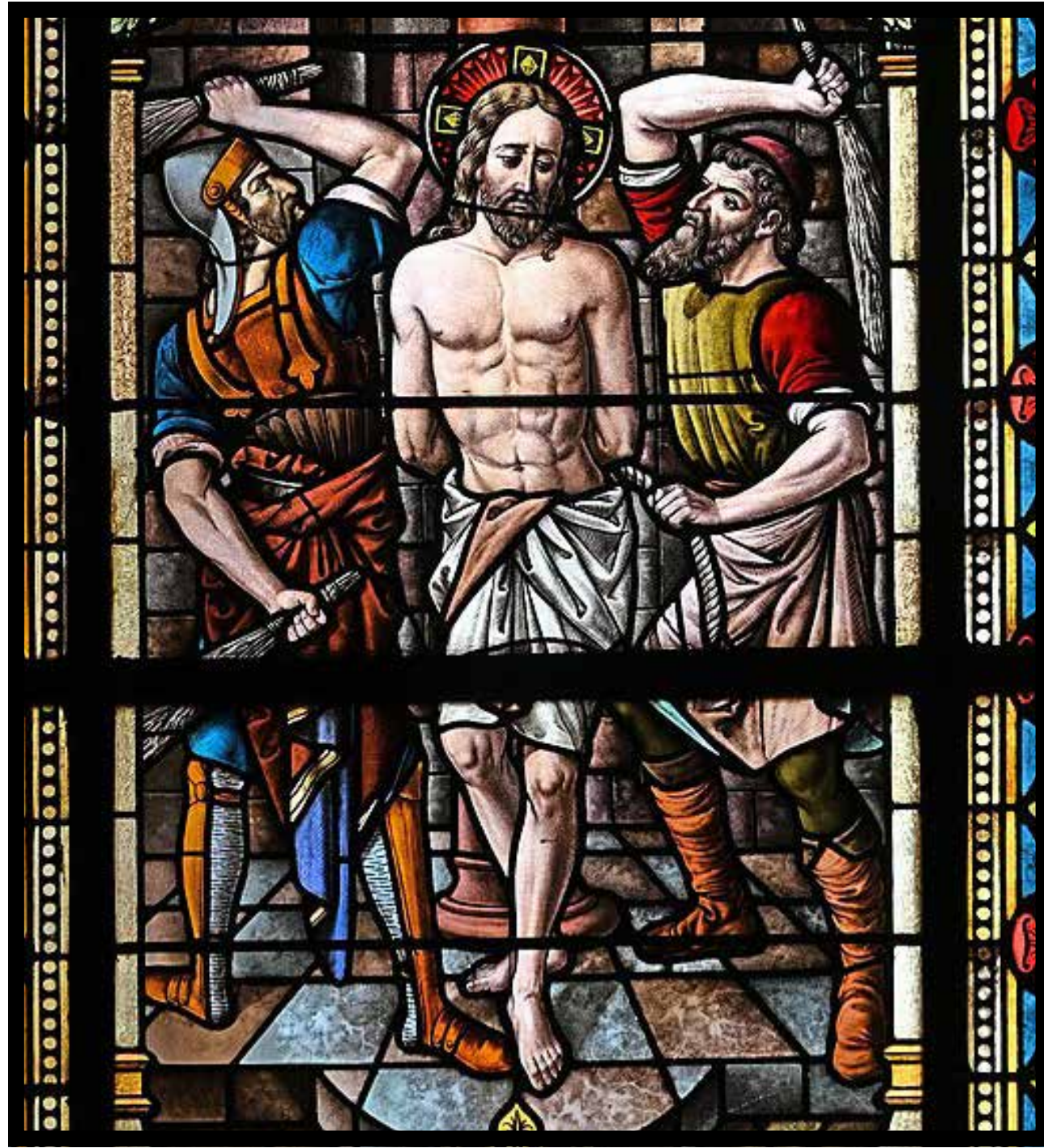


*“Christ Before Pilate” (Le Christ devant Pilate),
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The chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin, held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He said to him in reply, “You say so.” The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him, “Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of.” Jesus gave him no further answer so Pilate was amazed... Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas and handed Jesus over to be crucified (Mark 15:1-5, 15)

God loves us so much that... Jesus was condemned in our place so that we might live without condemnation. This is why we can say with Paul, “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus” (Romans 8:1).

STATION 4 JESUS IS SCOURGED AND BEATEN



*“The painful mysteries of the rosary:
Flagellation of Jesus.” Fa. Dr. Heinrich
Oidtmann, around 1898. Church of St.
Quirinus, Langenfeld, Germany. Photo
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Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said, “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they struck him repeatedly (John 19:1-3).

God loves us so much that... “... he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds, we are healed (Isaiah 53:5).

STATION 5

JESUS ACCEPTS HIS CROSS



*“Stations of the Cross.” Notre-Dame Cathedral
Basilica of Ottawa, Canada.*

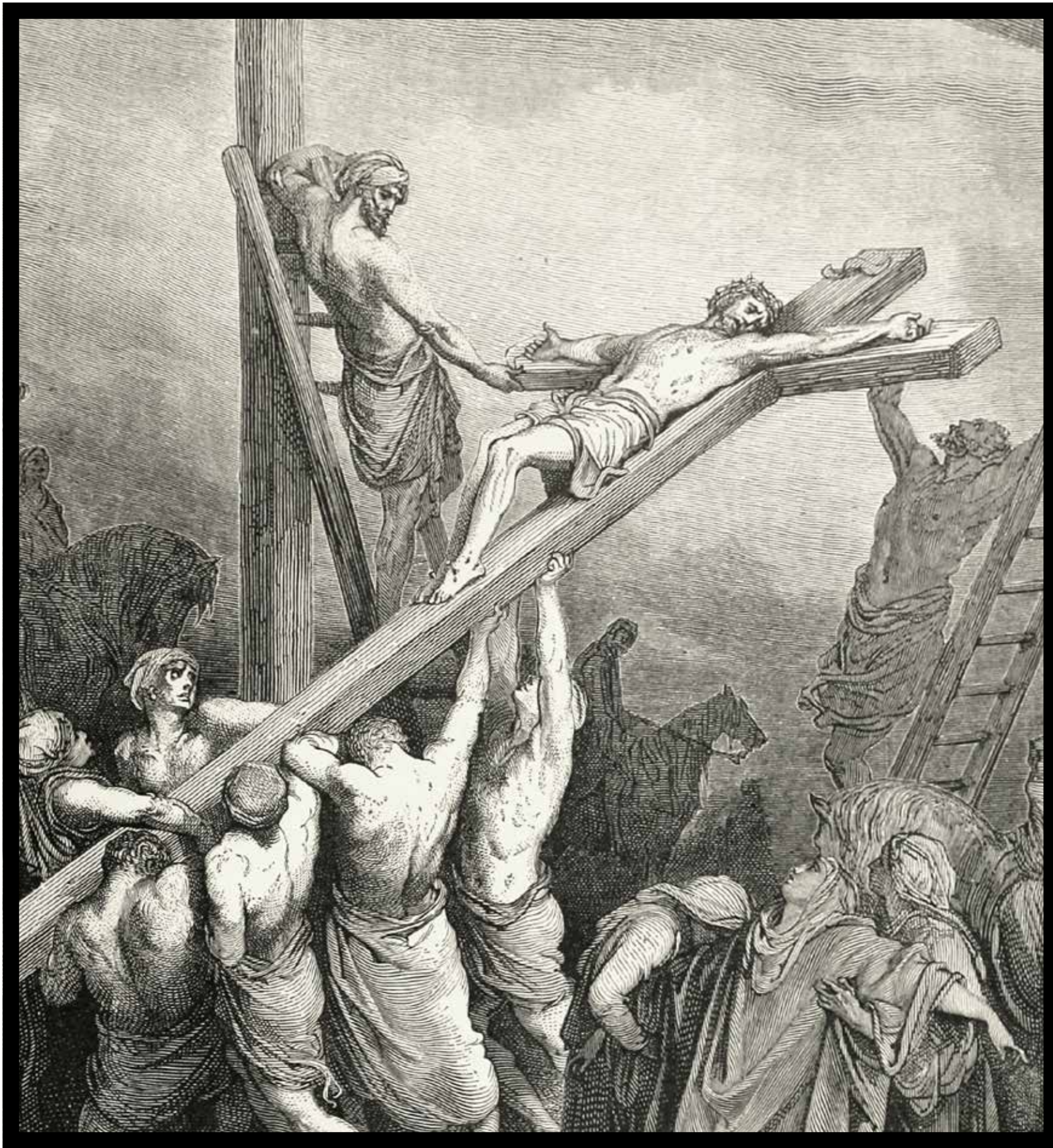
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When the chief priests and the guards saw Jesus, they cried out, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him.” ... They cried out, “Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your king?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called in Hebrew Golgotha, which means the Place of the Skull (John 19:6, 15-17).

God loves us so much that... he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! (Philippians 2:7-8)

STATION 6

JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS



*“The Erection of the Cross” (Matthew 27:35),
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When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. When he had been crucified, Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do” (Luke 23:33-34).

God loves us so much that... Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.” He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit (Galatians 3:13-14).

STATION 7

JESUS SPEAKS TO THE CRIMINALS



“Christ and Criminals.” St. Peter and Paul Church, Olney, Buckinghamshire, England.

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Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us.” The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, “Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied to him, “Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise” (Luke 23:39-43).

God loves us so much that... to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness (Romans 4:5).

STATION 8

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS



*“Crucifixion of Christ.” Church of St-Sulpice in the 6th Arrondissement in Paris, France.
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It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”; and when he had said this he breathed his last (Luke 23:44-46).

But God demonstrates his love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8).

God loves us so much that... he gave himself for us.

STATION 9: RESURRECTION



“The Empty Tomb: He is not here. He is risen.”

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Texas. 1922-1924.*

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, they went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering, they discovered the body of Jesus was not there. As they stood there, not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered their eyes. But the two men said to them: “Why do you look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he is risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in the Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful people and be crucified, and rise on the third day?” And then they remembered his words (Luke 24:1-8).

God loves us so much that... Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive (1Corinthians 15:20-22).