

JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME

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Jesus falls for a third time. See him broken and exhausted. Lying on the ground. We sense his temptation to stay there. To give up. Jesus perseveres. After long moments, we see him rise again, and with all his power he continues on his journey, bearing his cross.

Jesus shows us that, with his help, we can go on, even if we think that it is not possible. He shows us that he can transform weakness, failings, and death into glory through the gift of Himself in the Spirit who is alongside us always.

Many in our world today, even you, may feel that they are at that moment of final falling, that their burden is too much to carry. They cannot bear any more. Crushed by the weight of their cross they feel unable to get up, unable to go on. Some may look for relief in relationships, in working too much, in sport, in addiction. Some may look to a final escape through suicide.

In Jesus we find hope and encouragement. The third fall of Jesus reminds us that even in our moment of complete helplessness, or our experiences of despair, in our own Calvary, we can stagger up again and carry on. Jesus is with us and Jesus is our strength.