

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

Tina Ablett writes...

I feel pain, shamed and blessed as I see Jesus die on the cross.

After all the humiliation and torture on his journey to the cross and while in so much pain, Jesus thinks and acts with kindness to others.

He reaches out to reassure the repentant criminal. When he asks Jesus to remember him, Jesus reassures him saying "Today you shall be with me in Paradise."

He shows trust in the disciple he loved telling him to take care of his mother. He looks in anguish upon his mother Mary. Mary, who is looking on in grief, unable to help her beloved son in his agony. Jesus tells her to treat John as her son. He is reassuring them both, showing them that he will live on through them.

Only when he has comforted others does he give up his own life to our heavenly father.

In our sadness, let us remember the example our Lord set us, in his life, his teachings and his last breath. Let us help, support, encourage and love others.

Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with our God.