1. **With Jesus in the Olive Tree Garden**

After his last meal Jesus went with some of his friends to a garden just outside the city. He wanted to think and pray because he knew he was in danger and wanted to get ready. In the garden he asked God to help him do what had to be done.

Can you see the olive tree? Imagine Jesus in the garden, he must have been afraid, but he knew that whatever happened he could trust in God’s love.

Dear God help me to always trust in you.

2. **A Friend Lets Jesus Down**

While Jesus was praying in the garden some soldiers came to arrest him. They knew where to find him because they had bribed one of his friends called Judas to tell them.

Can you see the purse? It had thirty silver coins in it. Do you think it was fair for Judas to be paid when he let Jesus down?

Dear God help me to be loyal to my friends.

3. **The Leaders of his own People Condemn Jesus**

After he had been arrested Jesus was taken to a group of important people called the Sanhedrin. They had no intention of being fair to Jesus because they had already made up their minds that he was a trouble maker.

Can you see the pointing hand? Do you think we should listen carefully to other people before making up our minds about them?

Dear God help me to be fair in the way I treat other people.

4. **Peter is Afraid to Stand up for Jesus**

When Jesus was being accused of having dangerous ideas about God, someone spotted Peter outside and asked him three times if he was a follower of Jesus. Every time he said no because he was afraid that he too might get in trouble.

Can you see the cockerel with its bright feathers? It reminds us that these things happened very early in the morning.

Dear God, help me to keep strong when other people let you down.

5. **Pilate sends Jesus to be Crucified**

Pilate was an officer of the Roman Empire and he was in charge in Jerusalem when Jesus was on trial. Even though he could see that Jesus was innocent he still gave the order for him to be crucified.

Can you see the hands being washed? Pilate washed his hands; he tried to make other people think he was not responsible for what happed to Jesus.

Dear God, help me to make the right decisions.

6. **The Soldiers hit Jesus and put a Crown of Thorns on his Head**

When the decision was made to crucify Jesus the soldiers treated him very cruelly.

Can you see the whip and crown made of thorns? The soldiers whipped Jesus and put this crown on his head.

Dear God, help me to be kind rather than cruel.

7. **The Soldiers make fun of Jesus and make him carry the Cross**

Jesus was bullied by the soldiers, they even took his clothes and they made him carry the heavy weight of the Cross all the way to the hill of Calvary.

Can you see the two dice? The soldiers played a game to see which of them would get to keep his clothes when he was dead.

Dear God, help me never to bully or steal from other people.

8. **Simon helps Jesus to Carry the Cross**

In the crowd there were some people who did not like the way Jesus was being treated; but they didn’t know how to help him. One did manage to help by carrying the cross when Jesus was too weak to carry it himself. This man was called Simon and he came from a place called Cyrene.

Can you see the hands reaching out to the cross? They remind us that there are a lot of people who try and help when others are being hurt or ignored.

Dear God, help me to reach out and help when other people need me.

9. **Jesus meets the Women of Jerusalem**

Unlike some of his friends who were afraid of the cruel leaders and soldiers many of the women in Jerusalem were willing to show their support for Jesus.

Can you see the tears falling from the eye? These were not weak tears because they showed that the women cared for Jesus even when it was dangerous to support him.

Dear God, help me to stand up for what is right and good.

10. **Jesus is Crucified**

The Roman Empire thought it could keep law and order by making everyone afraid; so they used a very cruel way to execute people who stepped out of line. They treated Jesus as if he was a criminal and put him to death on a cross.

Can you see the hammer and nails? These were used to nail Jesus onto the Cross. Even so, Jesus was able to ask God to forgive the people who were being cruel.

Dear God, help me to find ways to forgive those who hurt me.

11. **Jesus Makes a Special Promise to a Criminal**

Two other people were executed with Jesus. One of them knew that Jesus was innocent and that he was God’s Son. So he asked Jesus to remember him when he was with God in heaven.

Can you see the ticket in the envelope? This reminds that Jesus made a promise that he would welcome the criminal into heaven.

Dear God, help me to trust in your promises and to keep the promises I make myself.

12**. Jesus Speaks to His Mother and to His Disciple**

It must have been really hard for Mary to watch her Son dying on the Cross. She was helpless at this moment, so Jesus asked one of his closest friends to look after her.

Can you see two hands joined together? This reminds us that when the disciple John agreed to take care of Mary she became the Mother of all who follow Jesus.

Dear God, keep me close to Mary every day of my life.

13. **Jesus dies on the Cross**

It is always sad when somebody dies. We don’t like it when we have to say good bye to someone we love. So we are sad whenever we remember that Jesus died on the Cross.

Can you see the Cross? And can you see that we have a Cross in Church right next to the altar? This is our reminder that every time we come to celebrate the Mass we are remembering the death of Jesus. We are remembering the most loving thing God gave to us, Jesus his very own Son.

Thank you God for the love you share with us by giving us Jesus as our friend and brother.

14. **The Burial of Jesus**

When people die we take special care of their body to show our love and respect. We find somewhere special to put the body. So we remember that the family and friends of Jesus put his body in a tomb in a garden near to where he died.

Can you see the tomb? It has a big stone that was rolled across like a solid door. We will hear about this big stone again at Easter.

Dear God, thank you for the care and love we show to each another.

15. **Jesus Rises from the Dead**

It is easy to think that being dead is the end of our story. When we bury a body or some ashes we think we have said a last good bye.

Can you see the bright candle? We will light a real candle at Easter to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. We will listen to the gospels telling us that Jesus was seen again after his death by family and friends. This is very good news because it helps us understand that God wants us all to live with him in heaven.

Dear God, we thank you that Jesus has Risen from the dead. We thank you that the dance of life goes on for ever!