Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24 • Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16 1 Peter 4:1-8 • Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42

"A mortal, born of woman, few of days and full of trouble, comes up like a flower and withers, flees like a shadow and does not last."



Valley of the Shadow of Death, Crimean War -- Roger Fenton, V&A Museum, London

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;

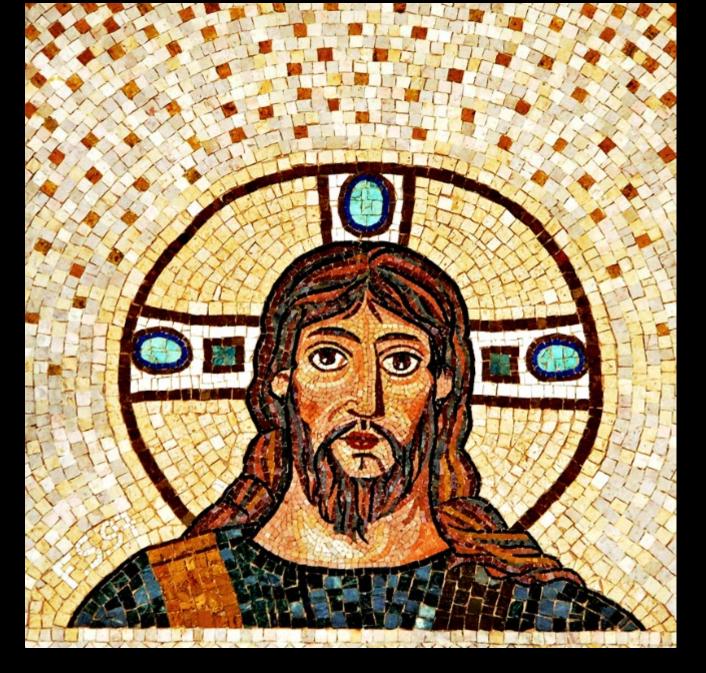
Lamentations 3:21-22



Hand of Love (study) -- Dante Rossetti, Birmingham Museum, Birmingham, England

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Psalm 31:16



Face of God -- Mosaic, Jerusalem

Above all, maintain constant love for one another ...

1 Peter 4:8a



A Visit -- John August Swanson

Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, ... asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus.

John 19:38a, c

Joseph of Arimathea Removing Christ's Body

Victoria and Albert Museum London, England Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes ...

John 19:39a

Nicodemus with the Body of Christ

Michelangelo
Museo dell'Opera del Duomo Florence,
Italy

... in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so because it was the Jewish day of Preparation ... they laid Jesus there.

John 19:41b, 42ac

Angels with Christ in the Tomb

Eduard Manet Metropolitan Museum of Art New York, NY Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

Matthew 27:61



Mourning of Jesus -- Le Breton and Gaudin, Amiens Cathedral, Amiens, France

... the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.'



Sealing of Christ's Tomb Russian icon, late 19th c. Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,'

Matthew 27:64ab

Ormbrant.

Christ Carried to the Tomb

Rembrandt British Museum London Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can."

Matthew 27:65



Sleeping Roman Soldiers -- Hildreth Meiere, Washington National Cathedral, Washington, DC

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