



# Holy Saturday

*Year A*

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."

Job 14:1-2



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

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 19:41, 42

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.'

Matthew 27:62c, 63



Sealing of Christ's Tomb  
Russian icon, late 19<sup>th</sup> 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 27:64a,b

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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