

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Reflections by Jenny Hawke

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The journey starts in a local park. Jesus is terrified of what lies ahead of him.

'Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' Matthew 26:36-41

I've chosen a very dark background with some remnant of light to show the enormous battle between good and evil that was the story of the garden. The red signifies blood which seems to be bent wept by the tree as well as coming from the agony of Jesus. His figure shows an exhausted posture which I imagine at the end of his prayers and pleas that this will pass. I wanted Jesus to look almost drained of colour even though he still had the glory of God around him, but with the trees and night looking as if they would overcome his small figure. Jenny Hawke

Have you ever had to face something really tough, and face it on your own?



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