

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS Reflections by Jenny Hawke

### 13. DEATH

**Jesus hung on the cross for about three hours, gasping for breath and in great pain. At the end, he uttered his last few words, trusting himself into God's hands, and then he died.**

**Death one of the great taboos of life. We don't like to talk about it, and we are rarely there when it happens. But it comes to us all one day; we can't avoid it. Death is a natural part of life.**

'It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.' Luke 23 v 44-46

*I saw this picture complete in my head before I painted it. It came from somewhere else! I saw that Jesus was exultant throughout the process of death, even in the darkness, He was in triumph. Though He was hidden, by layers of earth, death could not contain Him. Even I'm surprised at this one! Jenny Hawke*

**Like everyone, you will die one day, and that's as natural as new babies being born. Because of what Jesus accomplished on the Cross, Christians believe that we are able to face death bravely knowing Jesus died for our sins and purchased for us the gift of eternal life.**

**What phrases do people use to avoid talking about death? Why are we so reluctant to speak about death?**



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