

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Reflections by Jenny Hawke

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A man called Joseph of Arimathea risked his own reputation to ensure that Jesus' body was taken down from the cross, shrouded and placed in a tomb. Because it was Friday the Jewish law said that it would have to wait until after the Sabbath before it could be properly prepared for burial.

That would be tomorrow. I'm sure that Jesus' friends and family could hardly bear to think about tomorrow. Their thoughts were taken up with what had happened today and yesterday. But tomorrow is the most important day in our lives. Tomorrow is a day of promise and hope. Tomorrow, the followers of Jesus were going to see a miracle....

'When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.' Matthew 27 v 57-60

I wanted the figure of Jesus exultant, with arms outstretched, with a golden energy emanating from him, almost too bright to look at. He is the figure of all our tomorrows. Always there, always triumphant, always welcoming. Jenny Hawke

Grateful to Joseph, the family had little idea that very soon the very dead Jesus would be very much alive! Darkest just before dawn, remember that your life in God's hands can look forward to a bright eternity.



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