

The Eighth Station  
**The women of Jerusalem  
mourn for Jesus**



**We adore you O Christ and we praise you, Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

These were kind people who were genuinely sad to see such suffering. But in spite of their sincerity and kindness they missed the point. 'Was it not necessary that Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?'

Do I mourn about the right things? 'Woe upon you who laugh now, you shall mourn and weep.' 'Blessed are you who weep now you will laugh for joy'.

There is so much false joy in the world—- escapism.....ridicule.....irony..... Facetiousness .....the degrading of human virtue.....mockery..... pleasure seeking.

This is only a preparation for tears.

Sorrow can lead to misery.....to bitterness.....to despair..... to frustration..... to the rejection of the truth.

This sorrow is without faith.....or hope.....or charity.

In our sorrow we can always come to God..... 'You who weep now come to this God, for he is weeping' By our tears we can make up what is lacking in the sorrows of Christ. This can be the true sorrow that leads us to joy. The joy that we are part of God's plan, that we can share in the Incarnation. .... in the Redemption.

Joy is the keynote of Christian Spirituality. The Gospel is the good news of great joy. The origin of our joy is the Incarnation....' the God who became man, that man might become God'.

**I love you, Jesus, my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended you. Never permit me to separate myself from you again.  
Grant that I may love you always; and then do with me what you will.**