

The 13th Station  
**Jesus is taken down from the  
Cross**



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

‘Like us in all things except sin’

The dead body of Jesus. It is hard to take this in.....

That Jesus really died.....that his body became a lifeless thing

.....an empty shell.

If we have seen death we know how unreal a dead body looks. It is so obviously empty

.....incomplete.....utterly different from what it was a few moments before.

And yet ‘Truly this was the Son of God’

I wouldn’t be human if I were entirely unafraid of death.

The saint may say ‘ I desire to be dissolved and to be with Christ’ ; but if I say this, the words are a little hollow.

Yet in spite of my natural human fear, I have hope..... Christ has been there before me.

My only wish is that when God calls me I shall be able to say, like Christ, ‘It is finished, the work you gave me is done.’

Help me , Lord Jesus, to approach death unafraid, confident that I have tried to do your will.

**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.**