

6. Jesus Cares for His Mother

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[0 : 00] Station 6, Jesus Cares for His Mother Jesus is nailed to the cross.

Two criminals hang beside him, and soldiers stand before him, taunting him. A crowd gathers around. Amidst the crowd stands Jesus' mother, witnessing the horrific crucifixion of her beloved child.

Jesus sees her and those who are with her, and His heart moves towards them with love. In John 19, we read this. Near the cross of Jesus stood His mother, His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to her, Dear woman, here is your son.

And to the disciple, Here is your mother. From that time on, this disciple took her into His home. While Jesus is at the cusp of the most painful and torturous death, He would have had every good reason to focus purely on Himself and His own suffering.

[1 : 33] Yet, in His darkest moment, He moved towards His mother with love, gentleness, and tenderness. His faithfulness never faltered for one second.

Take a moment to consider how you respond to your loved ones in times of pain and pressure.

What does it look like to extend honor and care to your parents in your current season of life?

What excuses do you make for not doing so? Pray a simple prayer, asking God to show you who He has placed before you to love, care for, and honor, even if it is difficult.

Ask Him to give you the grace and selfless compassion to love like He loves, no matter what the circumstances may be. Don't rush through this station.

Within this story of absolute terror, we have a moment of stillness, and God may have something to say to you about your relationships with loved ones. Take your time.

[2 : 50] Only when you're ready, then we'll head back out into the chaos.