

## *Station 12: Jesus is Laid in the Tomb*

### **READ**

*As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb. (Matt. 27:57-61)*

### **REFLECT**

The earth receives its creator. Jesus is laid in his tomb. Darkness falls and night draws near. All is coming to an end. The disciples are confused. The Romans believe one more traitor is dead.

And yet....

Something new is beginning, Just as a seed falls into the ground and dies so must Jesus so that he can be raised into his new body. There is hope and promise here that not even the disciples could fathom. God was making a way in the face of darkness and death. You've made this journey and come to this place and now you await Easter and the resurrection but before you get there you must wait. To sit in the tension of waiting for God to act is incredibly difficult but with the help of the Spirit we can do it. What are you waiting for? What are you hoping for? Perhaps something needs to die so that new life can come forth.

### **ACTION**

Look at your prayer rock and once again lift up that prayer to God, but this time light a candle as you do it. Let this candle represent not only

your prayer but also where you feel you are called to be a light for Christ while we await his return. How and where can you live for God now?

Continue to pray and meditate on the work Christ has done in your life and for you on the cross. May our Lord bless and keep you throughout this season and into the dawn of his resurrection life. Amen.