

*The Stations Of
The Cross*

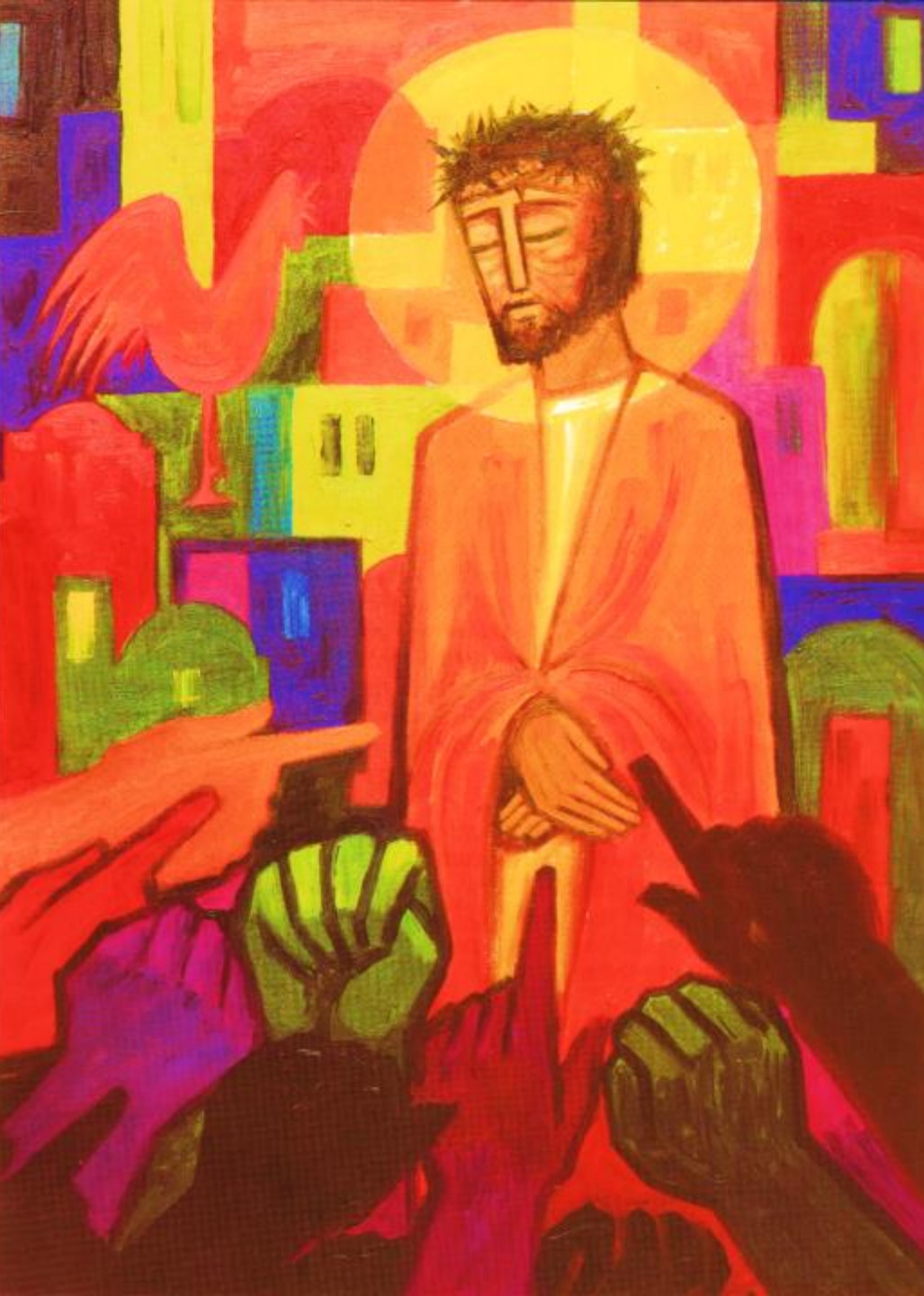
“I Was There”

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Stn 1. *Jesus is Condemned to Death*

Mark 15:1-5, 11-15 (NRSV)

¹ As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ² Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” ³ Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴ Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” ⁵ But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹² Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” ¹³ They shouted back, “Crucify him!” ¹⁴ Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!” ¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.



Reflection:

You know, it was a good question that Pilate asked: “what evil has he done?” It is a pity he didn’t ask again. It is a pity that all of us there were not made to answer.

I was there you see, and I saw a lot of you people there too.

What evil has he done?
Why did we stay silent
when others were baying
for his blood?

Response:

**I was there,
but if I had my time again my Lord,
I would shout until I drowned out those voices.
Forgive me my silence.**