

## **Light** | of Jesus in my life

### **When I'm Alone in a Crowd**

John 19 23-27

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**Introduction:** It's not what you see that drives your life; it's what you don't see. The turn in the road. The root across the trail. Even more, the things inside you. The parts of yourself that even you don't see, hidden in shadow. Longings, secrets, fears... When you meet Jesus, what you notice is not just what you see in him, but what you see in yourself. And his light shining beauty into your life. It all comes out in St. John's passion. And it comes out in our lives too as we approach the light of Jesus's greatest hour.

**Prayer:** Father, help us to find ourselves in the scene at the foot of your cross. Guide and direct our thoughts as we seek to put ourselves fully under your authority. Amen

**Read:** John 19 23-27

**Review:** Were you able to try trusting in the Lord and seeking his will rather than your own wisdom as you made decisions this week? If so, what did you experience?

### **Discussion:**

1. Who are the people in this scene? What are they doing there? Who is secure in their place? Who is out of their usual place? Who may be feeling alone?
2. What does Jesus say to his mother Mary and to John? What does this mean to them?
3. What is a family? What function does a family serve?
4. We have been adopted into Jesus's family. How does that change how you relate to your family and the people on your life?
5. What could you do to strengthen your Church family? What role do you play in the church family and is God perhaps directing you to a new or expanded role?

**Application:** Spend some time with God thinking about how our Church could act more like family.

**Prayer:** Father, thank you for adopting us into your family through the reconciling work of Jesus. Help us make your family a truer reflection of your goodness, love and care. Amen