

Reflection for Tuesday of Holy Week

From Saint Augustine of Hippo.

As evening drew near, the Lord yielded up His soul upon the cross in the certainty of receiving it back again. It was not wrested from Him against His will.

But we too were represented there. Christ had nothing to hang upon the cross except the body He had received from us. And in doing so He nailed our human weakness to the cross.

Prayer: **“Rise up, Lord, help us and redeem us because of Your name. Redeem me out of your kindness and not for any merit of mine.”**

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Saint Augustine mentions above that Christ nailed our weakness to the cross. The Gospel of today, Tuesday of Holy Week, shows our human weakness in all its starkness – Judas’s betrayal and Peter’s denial; and yet Jesus speaks of this moment as follows:

“Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in Him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in Him, God will in turn glorify Him in Himself and will glorify Him very soon.”

Let us give thanks to Jesus and to God our Father for the great love they have shown us. Let us give thanks for all who have helped to form our hearts in Faith and Love, all whose Faith has been an inspiration to us.