

11th Station of the Cross (Traditional), 10th (Modern) – Jesus is Nailed to the Cross



“There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, ‘Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.’ Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. The chief priests of the Jews then said to Pilate, ‘Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.” ~John 19:18-22

Again we have the number three. The Christ (awakened aspect of Self) at the center, and the two thieves on either side. One is “impenitent,” and one is penitent.” The penitent one is in alignment with the will of God (Love) the impenitent one not. All that is repented within, is aligned with the soul and is “resurrected,” meaning, awakened to love or a higher state of consciousness.

Christ Crucified (c. 1632) by Diego Velázquez. Museo del Prado, Madrid

Penitence means:

1. I see and know what I did that created harm to myself and others. I own it and acknowledge it with no defense (pride).
 2. I see and know what the action was covering, in terms of suffering
 3. I join with the suffering and feel it fully with love for the suffering self and honoring the defense that protected this aspect of self until now
 4. Reconciliation with this younger aspect of self, that is still suffering, brings you into alignment with love itself. You save yourself by healing duality and splits within.
 5. Notice that in this story, repentance did not result in the circumstances of physical pain being alleviated or death averted. The Thief did not miraculously get off the cross of life. He merely awoke to Love, through his suffering and through the process of recognition, and self-responsibility.
- How much life has been robbed from you because you got defensive and could not face the inner suffering of fear and shame?
 - How have you taken responsibility and blame for things you did not do? How has this robbed you of life?
 - How have you mistaken “good,” for “bad” and “bad” for “good” and so did not even know to be repentant? You did not even know that you were doing anything that was causing endless suffering? Anger, resentment, fear, shame and pain are a sure sign that whatever you are doing, or failing to do, needs examination. Pay attention to what your intuition, discomfort, and anxiety, are telling you. Spend time being very mindful of the result of your so-called “good” behavior.



“On the level of the Son there is no answer to the question of good and evil; there is only an incurable separation of the opposites It seems to me to be the Holy Spirit’s task and charge to reconcile and

reunite the opposites in the human individual through a special development of the human soul.”
~Jung in “The Symbolic Life”