

Stations of the Cross: Stations two, three, and four
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I. Station 2: Betrayal, Jesus arrested

A. Imagination in prayer

- a. James Martin, a Jesuit priest and author of many books, had an intellectual struggle with imagination as prayer. Finally he said, "Using my imagination wasn't so much making things up as it was trusting that my imagination could help lead me to the one who created it: God. That didn't mean that everything I imagined during prayer was coming from God. But it did mean that from time to time God could use my imagination as a way of communicating with me."
- b. Perhaps become Judas, Jesus, one of the crowd, one of those who "laid hands on Jesus and arrested him," or one of Jesus' disciples, or a bystander.
- c. Imagination uses all of your senses

What do you see? Hear? Maybe even taste and smell

- d. Especially pay attention to your emotions. What are you experiencing?

II. Station 3: Condemned by the Sanhedrin. Matthew 26: 59-66

A. Who were the Sanhedrin?

B. Before reading Mt. 26:59-66

- a. We will not be using our imagination on this text, but rather as I read the text slowly **what stands out to you as I read**

C. What was Jesus like as he was condemned?

- a. The author of *Station to Station* seems to be saying that Jesus was centered? What does that mean?

D. Where is God when Jesus was condemned?

- a. Have you ever felt as if God was nowhere to be found?

III. Fourth Station: Jesus is Denied by Peter. Lectio Divina Matthew 26:69-75