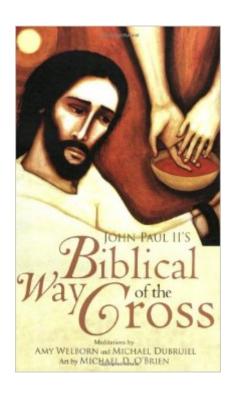
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# John Paul II's Biblical Way Of The Cross





### **Synopsis**

In 1991, Pope John Paul II introduced a new Bible-based interpretation of the Stations of the Cross. This devotional guide to invite readers to prayerfully walk in solidarity with Jesus on his agonizing way of the cross-- from his last torturous moments in the Garden of Gethsemane to his death and burial. Now with full-color station images from previously unpublished paintings by Michael OBrien, this booklet creates an ideal resource for individual or group devotional use, particularly during the Lenten season.

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This is an excellent version of the Stations of the Cross. John Paul II created a slightly different version of the Stations of the Cross based solely on Scripture verses (rather than Scripture and Catholic tradition) and the end product is this wonderful devotional. The Stations of the Cross chronicle 14 different events in the passion and death of Jesus Christ, and has been a popular Christian devotional since the Middle Ages. In "John Paul II's Biblical Way of the Cross," each of the 14 events is displayed on a two-page spread:\*One side has a wonderful color painting depicting the event (such as "Jesus Prays in the Garden" or "Jesus Takes Up His Cross"), the title of the "station," and instructions for the leader and the people through short prayers. Stations of the Cross are usually held at Catholic churches during the season of Lent, although this type of personal devotion can be done in groups or individually (with minor alterations).\*The other side has the Scripture passage and verses, followed by a one paragraph meditation (meant to be read by the leader) and

a one paragraph response (meant to be read by the people). Each station concludes with a Kyrie (i.e. repeating "Lord, have mercy"; followed by "Christ, have mercy"; concluded by another "Lord, have mercy") The quality of the paper and printing is stunning, with bright colors and glossy pages for the pictures. The meditations really hit the right notes, in my opinion, and the responses likewise. I would recommend anyone wanting to use this as a personal devotion to make some slight alterations to the language (which assumes that a group is involved). This is done easily by reading everything oneself, and omitting the parts that say "stand" or "kneel" by just kneeling the whole time.

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