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## Veronica of the Cross' Vision of the Events after the Death of Jesus

Holy Saturday, Vigil of April 21, 1973

## The Crucifixion on Golgotha

Veronica ----"I see a large open place. There are many people milling about, running about. It has grown very dark. Ah! Ah! The thunder...it's like thunder, it's loud. Everyone is frightened. They're falling and they're running away! They're running away! Oh.

There are three crosses on the hill. Ohhh, ohhh.

(Veronica weeps and moans while describing the scene.)

Oh, the man on the left, he's tied, but ohhh, ohhh, there's a man, a soldier, he's got a big thing, looks like an ax. It's got..it's like a piece of rock tied on to a stick and he's hitting him in the legs with it!!

And the man is crying, "Have mercy on me!"

And he, the soldier, he's hitting him in his legs, crushing his bones; the blood is pouring out. Now the man on the left, his head has fallen forward. Ohhh!"

## Jesus is pierced with a Lance

"He's going over now...Ohhh, he's taking this wide stick, it has a point on the end.

(Veronica cries out in fearful anticipation.)

"And now, he's...ohhh, ohhh, it's Jesus on the cross, and he pushed it into Him just above His stomach! (Veronica cries.) Ohhh. Now he can't pull it out. He's being covered!...It's not blood, oh it's water! But he can't...he's running.He can't seem to wash it off his face. He's wiping his hands. It's over his hands; he can't get it off his hands. Now the stick, the spear, is falling onto the ground. Ahh. The man, there's another man. Ah. (Veronica moans.) He's over on the right side. Oh, he's gone, too. Oh. They've both left.

The man over on the left, his legs are all crushed, the bone of his knee is now..you can see the bone of his knee coming out. Ahhh! He's suffering. Ah! He's on the right side of Jesus. ["The Good Thief"] He's looking over at Jesus. He says: "I - I have Your promise and I will cleanse myself for You."

# Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross

"Now it's very dark. There's no one on the hill. But I see there's a man..two men. They're carrying a ladder. Ohhh! And now Our Lady is there. It's very windy; Her dress is blowing very, very hard in the wind. It's raining now, it's raining. And the man is telling the two ladies to keep Her to the side.

Now they're going up and they're..they're putting the ladder up against the cross. Ohhh, ohhh. They're cutting with a knife the ropes on His wrist! And the man down at the bottom of the ladder,..now he's going over, he's cutting the ropes at his ankles! Ohhh! They...ohhh! They can't remove the cross out of the hole. They can't get it up! Up! They had to take Him forward from the cross. Ah. (Veronica moans.)

The ladder is being brought over to the side. Now when the ropes were cut, He fell forward, and His fingers, bloodied, tore away from the wood. They're lifting Him down now, the man's holding the ladder. And, Ah,. Ahh! They're trying to take his feet out of the spike! Ah ahh, Ah ahh, Ah ahh, Ah ahh, Ah ahh. (Veronica moans)

They're hitting it now; they got the wood....the wood; they're pushing it now out of the hole. The cross has fallen down now. They're holding Jesus and the cross fell down. And now they can hit from the under side. The spike's coming out. They're not tearing his feet. The hands had to be torn. Ahhh.

### Jesus is Placed in the Arms of His Mother

"Oh, now the three ladies are rushing over. Now the man, he's now lifting Jesus up and Our Lady now is sitting on the ground. She has Jesus now, the blood is on Her gown, all on the front. She wants to remove the headpiece from His head, but She can't. It's in - n - n too deep! They have to..Ah, ahhh."

Now there's a man,.. he's walking up to Him. It's John now speaking with Our Lady; and they want Her to leave. Ah., She doesn't want to leave. Her hands are very bloody. She now places Her hand over Jesus' face like this.

Now there's an older man. He's talking. It's John, I know John! The other man, he's talking with him, telling him to take the women away. Now another old man has come. And the lady with the long hair is now speaking with Our Lady. And then another lady now is holding Our Lady's arm and they're taking Her from the hill."

#### Jesus is Laid in the Sepulchre

"They have a wooden board; and now they're lifting Jesus onto this board, and they've placed this white sheet. Now they're carrying Him over past the other poor man on the cross, and they're walking down the hill. There are two of them carrying Jesus. They're walking down the hill past two houses and up the hill again.

And now there's the entrance to the cave. And they're going now into the cave. And now, ah, one of the ladies, it's....I know it's the lady, Mary Cleophas. She has a basket, and it has leaves and things in a basket. And she gave the basket to the man with the leaves in it, and these..they look like berries. Now, she's turned away; she's covered her head and her face with her..top of her gown, and wiping her face, she walks away.

And now it's getting very dark. I can't see into the cave. I can just see there Jesus' feet, and they're taking these leaves, and they're placing the leaves on peak of His legs. And now they're winding, like sheets around His legs. One is holding up His feet and winding the sheet, and laying another..it looks like leaves sort of...on; then another piece of the sheet gets wound around it. Now it's growing very dark, and I can't see any more.

(Veronica utters plaintive moans.) Ah, Ahh. Ah, Ahh. Now it's growing very light, and Our Lady is coming forward. She's dressed all in black, with a white trim around Her head. Our Lady wishes that I repeat Her words:

Our Lady - "My child, you see how deep is my sorrow, and how greater my sorrow knowing that the world has forgotten so soon. Was my loss, my suffering, in vain? Was My Son's suffering for you in vain? ...I am truly the Mother of Sorrows."

Our Lord - "... you must meditate more on the Passion. Why, My children? Because you, too, as followers of Mine, shall go through your passion upon earth". Vigil of November 1, 1977

# Testimonial Letters

"Cures and conversions will come about as I have promised to propagate the work and mission on earth of raising in your country the Shrine." Our Lady, December 30, 1972

Dear Our Lady's Worker,

May 26, 2000

I'm answering your letter which I received May 8, 2000. I'm a Korea War Veteran and I get treated at the Veteran's Medical Center here. However, my surgery was done in the VA Medical Center in Albuq. They don't give records like that too easy. My surgery consisted of lumbar decompression. Like I mentioned before it really went too good. Very little pain and prompt recovery follow. I was suffering from back pain, a feeling of like electricity going down from the waist towards my feet through my legs. I had to use a cane to help me walk. My body was curved to the right and felt very uncomfortable and felt pain in both legs. At one time after a drive of 215 miles, one of my legs started to get numb up to my groin (almost at my hip). I went to emergency and rested and felt better. After the operation all that vanished and I felt much better. At my surgery I had taken a medal of 'Our Lady Mary Conceived without Sin' and also a Rose Petal. That's my testimony. I'm 70 yrs old. I pray my Rosary almost everyday. I thank Jesus and Mary for my recovery. Thank you.

Sincerely, Mr. B, - Texas

Dear Friends August 2, 2000

On Tuesday, July 25, my mother scheduled for a kidney dialysis graft replacement at a local hospital was granted a very special blessing and grace by *Our Lady of the Roses*. As her surgeon Dr. Wade was not optimistic at all that the surgery would go well as this graft was to be placed in her right upper thigh. We placed Her blessed *Rose Petal* in her gown just before surgery. The surgery went perfect and mother is doing well. Thanks to the motherly love of *Our Lady of the Roses*.

Also my brother Tim suffered a small heart attack on Sunday July 30. He was in ICU. I came to visit him that day and gave him a blessed Rose Petal. As of this writing (Aug 2) he is well and out of the hospital.

Our sincere gratefulness and thanks and love always to Our Lady of the Roses.

Tom, Margaret, Tim, - Kansas

I am Mrs. G from Arizona.

August 3, 2000

My friend Consuelo gave me a rose petal because I hurt my wrist. I didn't know if it was a bone or nerve that I had hurt. I went to the doctor. He told me to go for an x-ray, but I didn't have to go because it was a miracle that cured my wrist. Thanks to Our Lady of the Roses and God. Mrs. G. - Arizona

August 24, 2000

I want to share how the Blessed Mother has helped me this past year. By the grace of God, I had given birth to my youngest child on Dec. 15th, 1999 by C-section. After 10 hours of induced labor, my son's heart rate had dropped with each contraction. I was rushed to have my surgery to get him out. What was supposed to be a quick delivery, turned out to be 3 hours long. (I had a previous infection after my c-section with my third child which caused many adhesions.) These adhesions had made all of my organs stick together to the uterus. The doctors had to literally cut and move the organs so they could get Edward out. He came out safely. The next problem was controlling the bleeding and closing me up. I had lost so much blood. I had fevers and I spent days in the hospital, with antibiotics, blood thinners and IV's. I had so much pain. The Rosary helped me to calm down. The doctors couldn't figure what was wrong with me. One night, my blood pressure shot up, so did my pulse rate, and the nurses were going to send me to the intensive care unit. I held my Rosary and I asked our Blessed Mother to help me. Within 30 minutes, I was stable. I taped the blessed Rose Petal to my abdomen. It was almost Christmas. I missed my children. My husband was so ragged from sleeping at the hospital, feeding the baby, checking on our kids at his sister's home, and saying the family 'Christmas novena to the Infant Jesus' at our home each night. It was the first Christmas we were all apart from each other. I kept saying the Rosary, a novena to the Sacred Heart, and a novena to the Infant of Prague. My prayers were answered on Christmas day! I was released from the hospital. Just being alive and able to be with my new baby and family was the best Christmas gift I could receive. Mrs. O. - Guam

Dear Friends

September 25, 2000

After very complicated cancer surgery my middle-aged daughter was left with a tiny esophagus (stomach tube) that shriveled up to the size of a pencil and a stomach half the size of a golf ball. Frequently the food she eats will stick to the inside walls and gives a 'choked' feeling that will not even allow water to get through. Often she remains 'stuck' for hours.

Recently a piece of chicken got caught and her usual dislodging methods of trying hot fatty chicken broth melted caramel, running up and down stairs and even jumping on the trampoline didn't do it. After 26 ½ hours of no food or water she called me up to let me know it happened again knowing I would pray. Instead of my usual prayers, I taped a Rose Petal over my chest and said a Rosary. On my last Hail Mary, she called and joyfully announced, 'it went down!" This was a big Miracle for us even if there was no further healing and I was so happy it came through the Petals.

I must say, she is the only survivor of the dozen people who had the same 'experimental' surgery with her ten years ago. Even though she chokes almost every day, she is still able to care for her large family and do big jobs around the house. Thank God and our wonderful Mother with the loving Rose Petals. They are always with us! She had been scheduled to go to the hospital to have her esophagus stretched again and this time it was not as painful. Her doctor suggested more surgery that probably would help. We trust our God and our dear Mother. Also thanks to Their intercession a young lady who had moved in with her boyfriend a few weeks ago came back home to stay! Thank you for your prayers. Please keep on praying for us. God bless you all in your wonderful work. Sincerely, Mrs. H. - Massachusetts

To whom it may concern,.

October 21, 2000

Please pray for me. I have been sick. I have heart problems and some other things. I'm having a hard time walking. According to my doctor, it's Atrial Fibrill. I'm not working, I get tired so easy. I just kept on praying and put everything in God's hand. Because I have faith to *Our Lady of the Roses*. That's why I'm still around today. Respectfully yours,

Ms. L. - California

October 30, 2000 My miracle has come true and my hope has been restored. I carry this *rose petal* blessed by Jesus and Mary and pray everyday. I was very sick and had some blood tests done and the blood tests have come back normal. I am sure that Jesus has watched over me and taken care of me through this difficult time. Indeed a miracle for me. Thank you. Praise the Lord!

November 2000 I have a story of what happened to me. One night I had a nightmare. I woke up and started crying. As I was crying, a big Angel said to me, 'don't be scared'! I wasn't as scared when he said that. The big Angel looked so big. It had on a white gown. It was so bright you couldn't see its body. Anyway, it's face was so beautiful. It had long blonde hair. His wings were white and pointy and fluffy. He was as tall as the ceiling to the floor. He made me really happy to see him. Then someone said, 'look down at the rocking chair'. Then it disappeared. I looked down on the rocking chair, I saw a big smile. Then it disappeared again. Then I started crying again because I was so happy. That's my story. Love Monique, -NY (age 9) [She's been attending the Vigils for 2 years.]

"Please submit all testimony of cure, conversion, of Heavenly manifestations for the records we keep for Holy Church." Veronica, October 2, 1972

Our Lady of the Roses, Mary Help of Mothers Shrine, [the Lourdes of America] is an apparition site of Our Lady & Jesus' appearances to Veronica Lueken from 1970 to 1995. Our Lady requested Rosary Vigils on the Eve of the Feast Days and every Sunday at 10:30am held now in Flushing Meadows Park, Queens NY. For more info, a blessed rose petal, Vigil calendar, message write:

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