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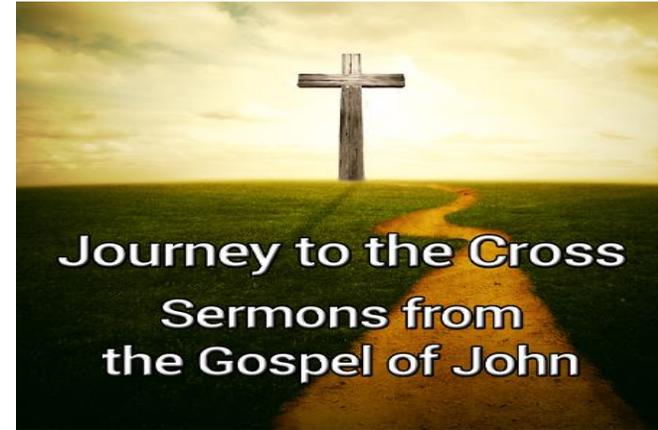
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-Jesus identifies with His mother in her suffering, both their souls being pierced (Luke 2:33-35).

- Jesus gives over His mother's care to His beloved disciple John. Mary is not left uncared for. Jesus' love pours out His glory.

#4) Jesus is in control of his death. Where, when, how, and by who Jesus was crucified, was all completed as prophesized. The sovereignty of Christ is here. His power is great, undeniable.

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