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When They Crucified My Lord: Through Lenten sorrow to Easter Centenary Classic edition Brother Ramon

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Brother Ramon's demanding but much-loved Millennium Lent book is republished as the last in BRF's series of hardback heirloom editions of books with a special place in the charity's history.

Taking his title from the haunting American spiritual, 'Were you there when they crucified my Lord?', Brother Ramon invites his reader to join his pilgrim journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day. Each day there is the opportunity to stop and reflect on the gospel story, drawing insight from the experiences of those who were there during the events of the first Easter, finding inspiration and strength for the greater journey of our lives. Suffering and glory are intermingled in real human experience in this book, which is designed for personal and group use, for Christians of all traditions.

Enduring relevance

As well as focusing on the different characters in the crucifixion story, and what we can learn from them, Brother Ramon addresses issues of conflict, leadership, abuse of power and injustice that are as relevant today as when the book was written.

He writes:

'Were you there when they crucified my Lord? The question and its response set the tone of our Lent book, because constantly the question will arise: Were you there? And if you enter with me right into the centre of the drama, feeling the mystery and responsibility for it all, you will have to respond in the words of the same spiritual: Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble... At the end of Lent we come to Easter, and at the end of our Lenten journey we shall find ourselves outside the garden tomb, trembling not with fear, nor only with godly awe, but also with hope and joy.'

About the author

Brother Ramon SFF was an Anglican Franciscan friar who, from 1990 until his death in 2000, explored the hermit life. He wrote widely, especially on the subject of prayer and spirituality. With Bishop Simon Barrington-Ward, he co-wrote *Praying the Jesus Prayer Together*, which was published by BRF in 2001.

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