

Behold your Mother, Behold your Son.
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The Soldiers

- Business is business.
- But a little pleasure too!
- Divine Intervention – Scripture was fulfilled! (see Psalm 22:18)

The Friends

- Near the Cross
 - Women – Mary, Mary, Mary, & ???
 - Mary, the Mother of Jesus (see John 2:1-11; Luke 2:35)
 - Mary of Clopas
 - Mary Magdalene (see Luke 8:2)
 - Mary's sister - ??? (see Mark 15:40)
 - John – The beloved disciple
 - The other disciples – MIA (see Mark 14:27)
- Jesus intervenes.
 - “Woman, here is your son.” (see John 2:4!)
 - “Here is your mother.”
 - Jesus is giving his mother into the care of John.
 - Why not his other brothers?
 - (see Matthew 13:55-56; John 7:2-5; Acts 1:14)

Keys:

- Soldiers – More concerned about things than people.
- Friends – They stood together. (see Galatians 5: 22; 6:10; Ephesians 4:32)
- Jesus – In kindness, he met Mary's need even while he was on the cross.

Application:

- Who are you? Soldier or friend?
 - Soldier – Lack of compassion, only worried about things.
 - Friend – Stood together even in the hardest of times.
- The kindness and provision of Jesus – 1 Peter 5:7

The third word of the cross: Kindness