

The
Stained Glass Windows
of



Tewkesbury
Methodist
Church

Stained Glass Windows

The stained glass of the three central windows was made by Swaine Bourne of Birmingham and is contemporary with the building of the church in 1878.

From the left, the windows portray:

- The wise men offering their gifts to the infant Jesus.
- Jesus teaching his disciples.
- Jesus entering Jerusalem, riding on a donkey
- Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.
- The Resurrection of Jesus.
- The Ascension of Jesus into heaven

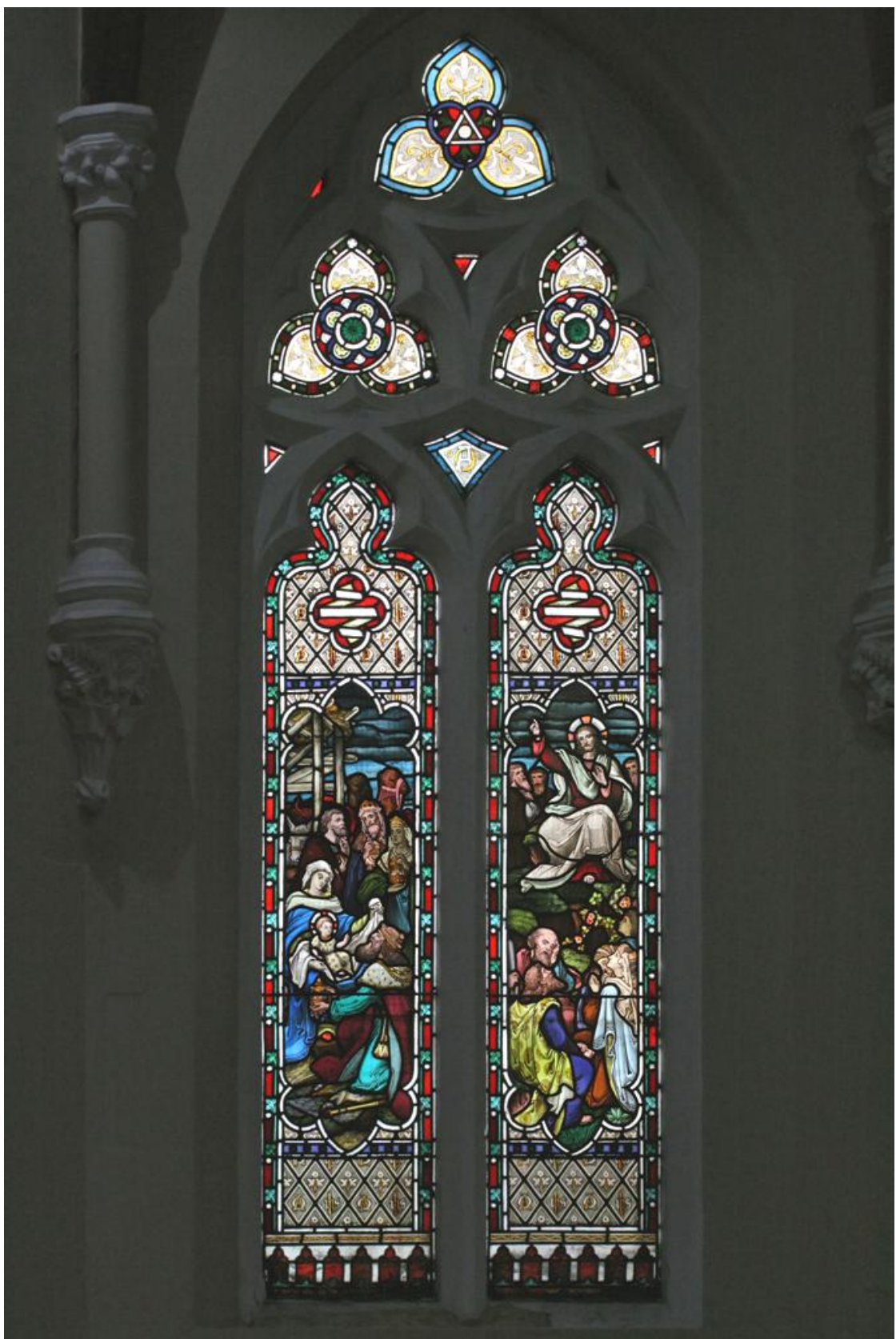
The outer windows were added in 1881 and were gifts.

The one on the left was given by the builder of the church, Thomas Collins, in memory of Samuel Collins (one of the earliest members of the Wesleyan Society in Tewkesbury) and family.

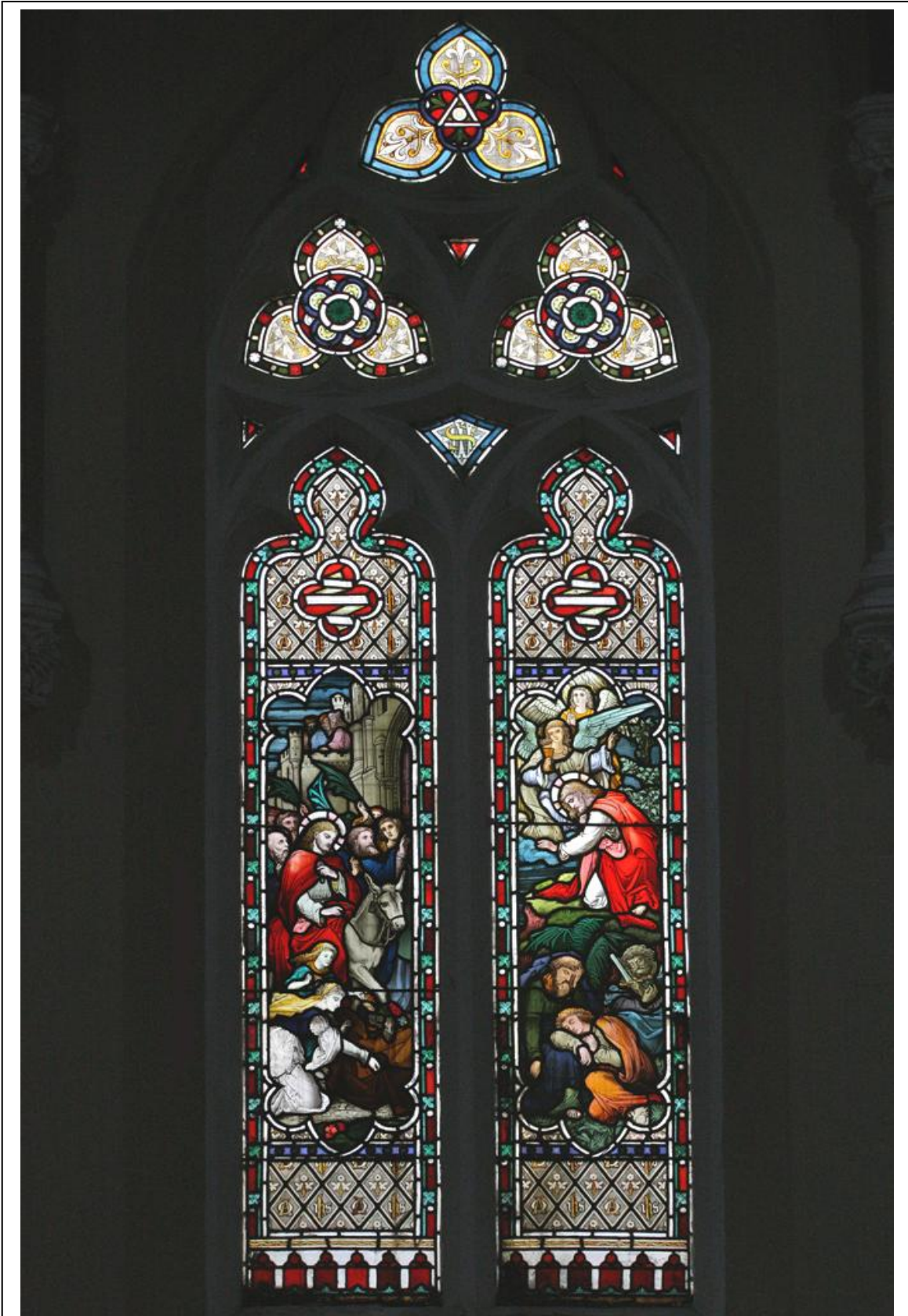
This window depicts the women weeping for Jesus on his way to the cross.

The window on the right was given by Ruscombe Washer Ashley, who was secretary of the committee which guided the building of the church.

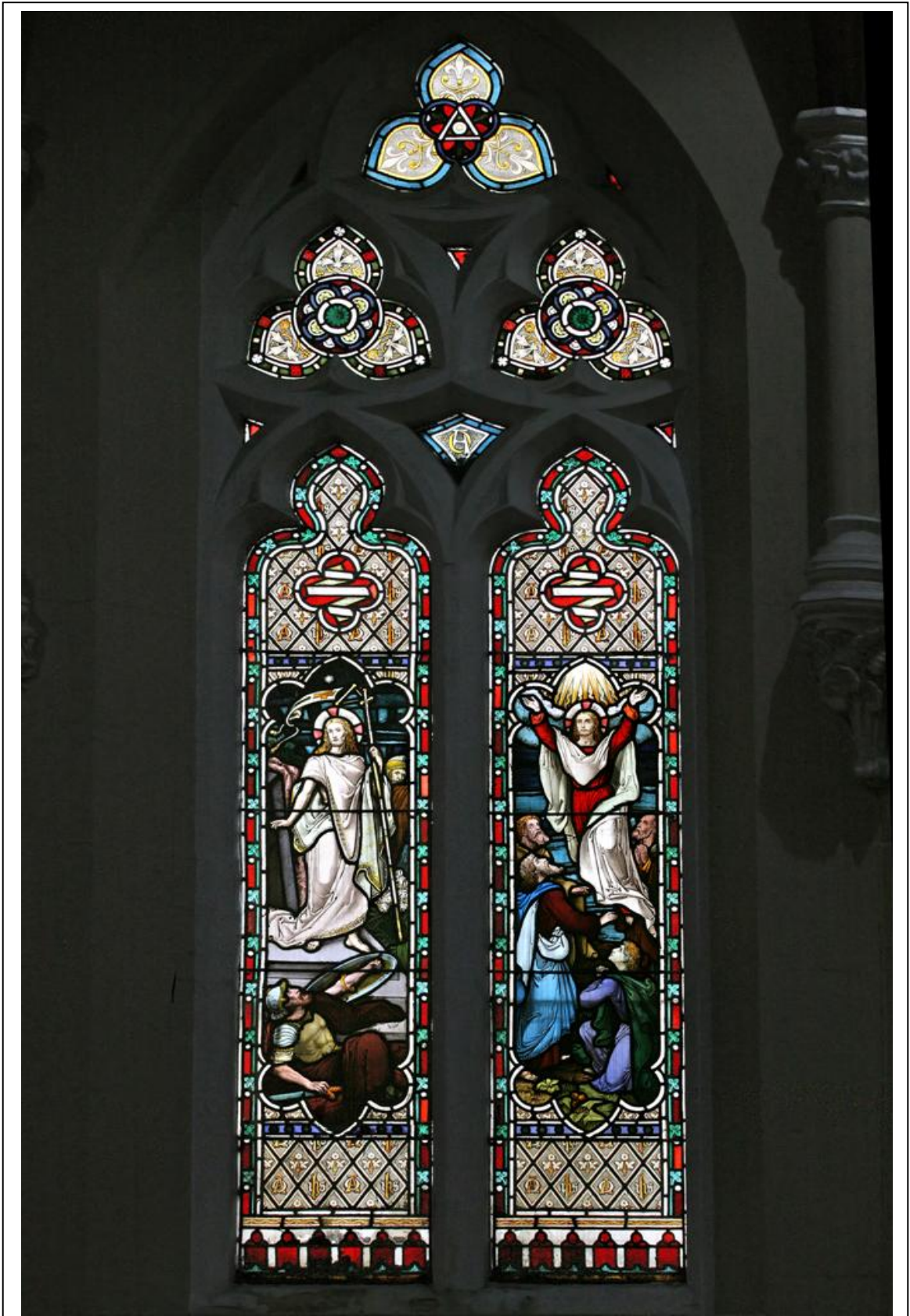
It was given in memory of his wife, Susan, and depicts the story of the death of Lazarus and Jesus meeting with the sisters, who were mourning their brother.



First of the three central windows

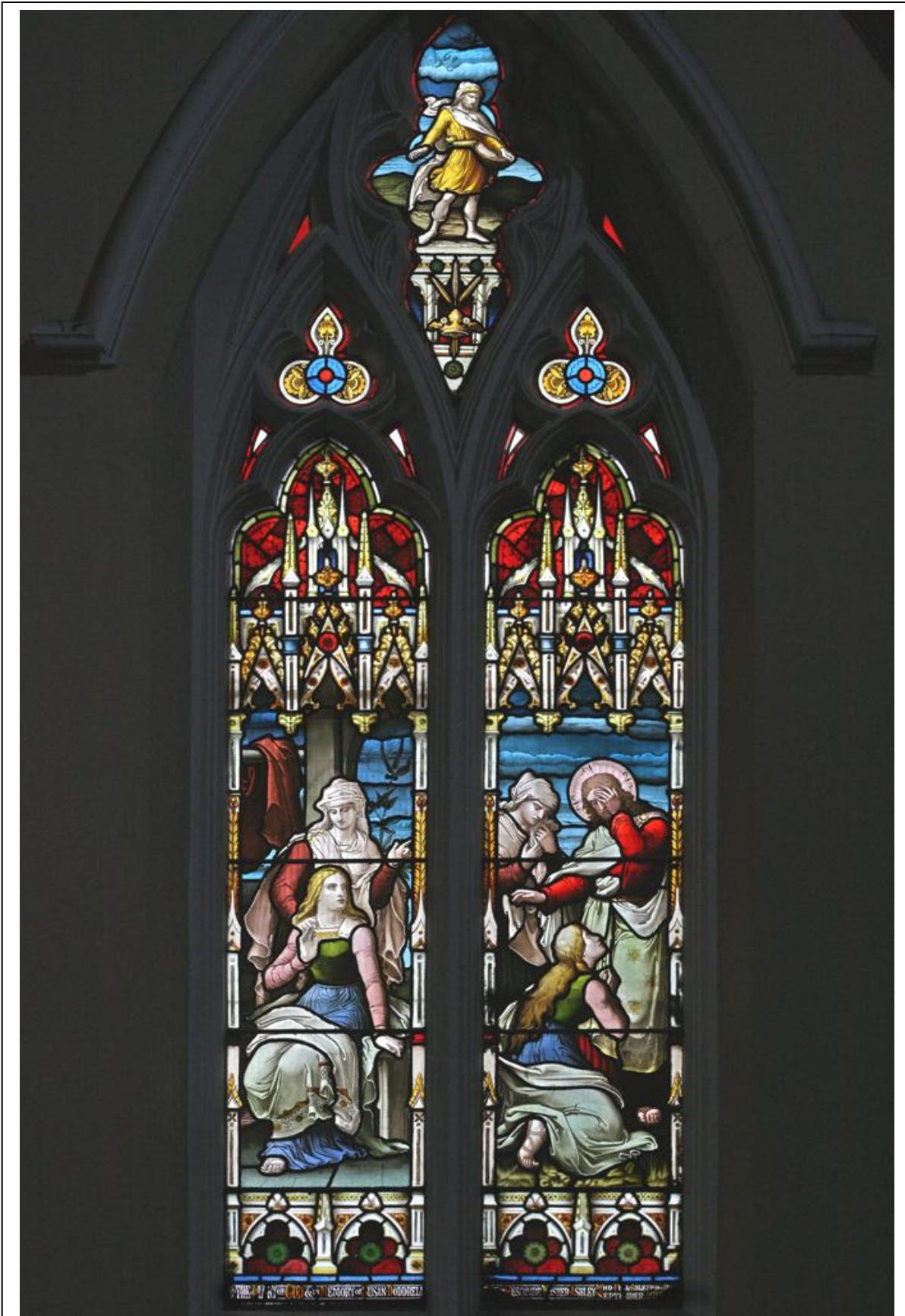


Second of the three central windows



Third of the three central windows

Right Outer Window



**Death of Lazarus and
Jesus Meeting with the Sisters**

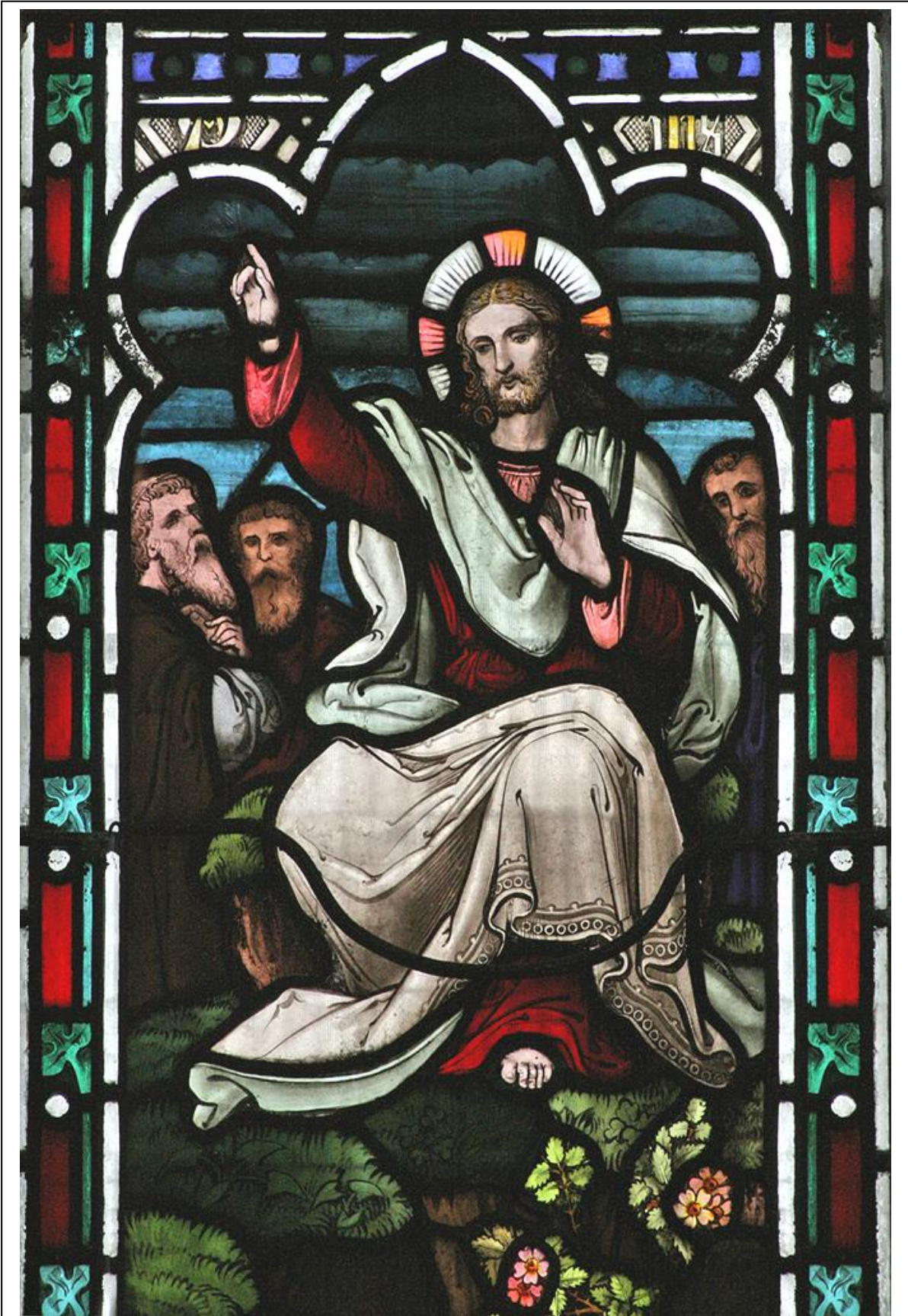


The wise men offering their gifts to the infant Jesus.

Visitors Arrive from Eastern Lands

Matthew 2:1-12

1. After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem
2. and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."
3. When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.
4. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born.
5. "In Bethlehem, in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:
 6. 'But you Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.'"
7. Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared.
8. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."
9. After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was.
10. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.
11. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. **Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.**
12. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.



Jesus teaching his disciples.

Jesus gives the Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5:1-12

1. Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him,

2. and he began to teach them, saying:

3. "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4. Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

5. Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

6. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

7. Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall be shown mercy.

8. Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

9. Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.

10. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

12. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

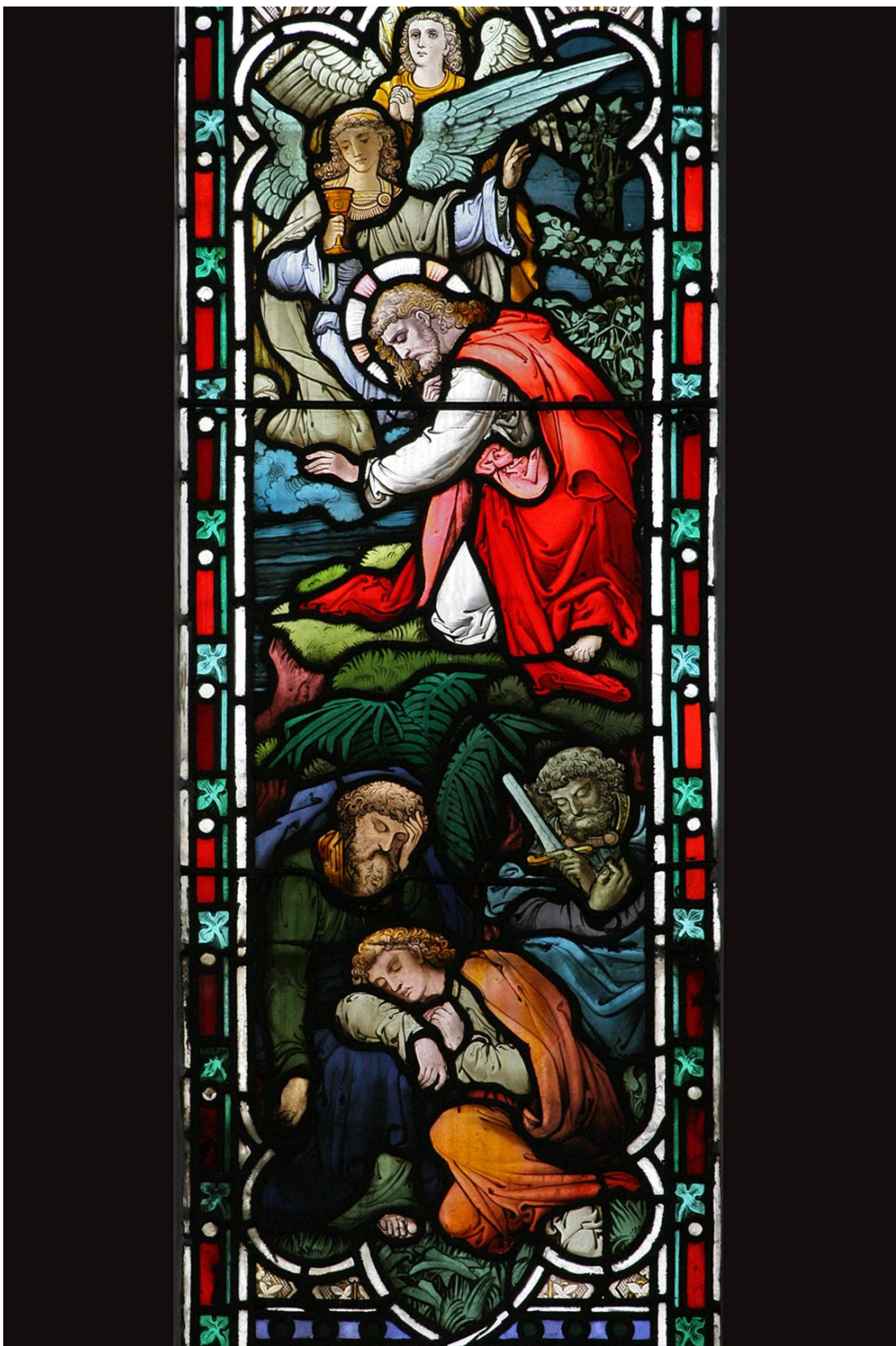


Jesus entering Jerusalem, riding on a donkey

Jesus Rides into Jerusalem on a Donkey

Matthew 21:1-11

1. As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,
2. saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me.
3. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."
4. This took place to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet:
 5. "Say to the Daughter of Zion,
'See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"
6. The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them.
7. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them.
8. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.
9. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,
 - "Hosanna to the Son of David!"
 - "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
 - "Hosanna in the highest!"
10. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"
11. The crowd answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee".



Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Jesus Agonizes in the Garden

Matthew 26:36-46

36. Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."
37. He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled.
38. Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."
39. Going a little further, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."
40. Then he returned to the disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter.
41. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."
42. He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."
43. When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy.
44. So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.
45. Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.
46. Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"



The Resurrection of Jesus.

Jesus Rises from the Dead

Matthew 28:1-7

1. After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.
2. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.
3. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were as white as snow.
4. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.
5. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.
6. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.
7. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

Jesus appears to the women

8. So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.
9. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshipped him.
10. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell the others to go to Galilee; there they will see me."



The Ascension of Jesus into heaven

Jesus Ascends into Heaven

Luke 24:44-53

44. He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

45. Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

46. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,

47. and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48. You are witnesses of these things.

49. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

50. When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, **he lifted up his hands and blessed them.**

51. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.

52. Then they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

53. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Left Outer Window



Women Weeping for Jesus

Jesus is Led Away to Be Crucified

Luke 23:26-31

26. As they led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.

27. A large number of people followed him, **including women who mourned and wailed for him.**

28. Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children.

29. For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!'

30. Then

"they will say to the mountains, "Fall on us!"
and to the hills "Cover us!"

31. For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

**Death of Lazarus and
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Jesus Wept

Jesus Comforts Mary and Martha

John 11:27-35

17. On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.
18. Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem,
19. and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother.
20. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.
21. "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died.
22. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."
23. Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."
24. Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."
25. Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;
26. and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"
27. "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."
28. And after she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you."
29. When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him.
30. Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.
31. When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.
32. When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."
33. When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.
34. "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied.
35. **Jesus wept.**



Joseph's Dream

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The Window

The window portraying "An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream" can be seen above the outer left window, depicting the story of the women weeping for Jesus on his way to the cross

The Escape to Egypt

Matthew 2:13-15

13. When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream.

"Get up," he said, "Take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

14. So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt,

15. where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."



The Sower

The Sower

The Window

The window portraying "The Sower" can be seen above those depicting the story of the death of Lazarus and Jesus meeting with the sisters, who are mourning their brother

The Parable of the Sower

Matthew 13: 3-9

3. Then he told them many things in parables, saying:
"A farmer went out to sow his seed.
4. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.
5. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow.
6. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.
7. Other seed fell among the thorns, which grew up and choked the plants.
8. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop - a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.
9. He who has ears, let him hear."

The Meaning of the Parable

Matthew 13: 18-23

18. "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means:
19. When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path.
20. The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy.
21. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away.
22. The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful.
23. But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

