

Artist Statement: 27th Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons

Artist Name: R STAR

Rough Edges + wavy lines are a hallmark of this artist suffering with Parkinson's Disease. The painting "Here I Am" is a reference to Job who questioned God in prior chapters regarding his suffering. God respond with a statement followed by many questions of his own: God said to Job "WHO is this that obscures my plans with out knowledge. Brace yourself like a man + I will question you + you will answer me (Job 38:2-3 NIV). Later God would ask Job, ^{Do} can you send lightning bolts on their way; and they report to you "here we are?" This painting tells the story of the Resurrection of Christ + the last the hours of his life. Two Thieves, one on either side, one mocked Jesus the other Accepted him. The one on the right details African + European deserts signifying Jesus is available to all races, all backgrounds, all sinners who accept + receive him. On that day the Ground shook, the Rocks Cracked, the Temple of the veil split in half, the sun went dark, People's tombs opened, + Blood + water drained

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