



These daily readings leading up to Easter will reflect on conversations Jesus had during his ministry. As you read God’s word, keep a note of what God says to you and what your response is to him.

The daily readings tie in with the Sunday teaching series and with studies in small groups. Alongside this are a series of questions as prompts for reflection in 2s or 3s.

**“May God the Creator bless us. May God the Son walk with us. May God the Spirit lead our lives with love.**

**May the blessing of the One who was, and who is and who is to come be upon us all - redeeming our past, filling our present and lighting up our future.”**

**A Celtic blessing**

<p>Day 2 Thurs Mar 2<sup>nd</sup></p>	<p><b>“Who do you say that I am?”</b>          Read Matthew 16:13-20          The natural spring near Caesarea Philippi is the largest source of the River Jordan. In Jesus’ time the Greek god Pan, Caesar, &amp; other pagan gods, were worshipped there. Against this backdrop, Jesus asked his disciples “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” and “Who do <i>you</i> say that I am?” Christians through the ages have joined Peter in his declaration that Jesus is the “Son of the living God”, the Deliverer promised by the true God. Jesus warned his disciples not to publicize this fact at that time. They didn’t yet understand the nature of his mission. He hadn’t come to be a political or military leader but for something far greater – to suffer &amp; die to overthrow the Devil’s hold on humanity and so redeem us. As we approach Easter, we’ll focus on Jesus’ sacrifice and the far-reaching, life-giving redemption that is available as a result. So much flows from our personal confession of faith in Jesus as our Saviour &amp; Lord. This declaration is not only the starting point of our Christian lives, but informs how we live each day. Thank Jesus for the privilege of knowing him, &amp; ask for his help that we might “know him better” (Eph 1:17) and honour him day by day.</p>
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