



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 23 Thurs Mar 23rd</p>	<p>Care - Jesus said “I am the Good Shepherd” Read John 10:11-21 The picture of God as our shepherd that inspired David to write Psalm 23, is one that’s repeated elsewhere in the Old Testament (see Isaiah 40:11, and God’s promise to send a shepherd in Ezekiel 34:23). In John 10, Jesus clearly identifies himself as that person. His infinite resources meet all of our needs for guidance, care, provision and protection. He’s the “good shepherd” who won’t lead us astray. He said “I lay down my life for my sheep”. Matthew 20:28 says he came to “give his life as a ransom for many.” Through his willing sacrifice, Jesus has made salvation possible for all who come to Him in faith. He points to his world-wide mission by talking about the “other sheep” (v16) - non-Jews. This passage calls for a personal response of praise & gratitude and a deliberate choice to follow where our Shepherd leads. Whatever our circumstances we can tell God the truth of how we feel; then tell ourselves the truth about God.</p>
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