



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 33 Sun Apr 2nd</p>	<p>The triumphal entry Read Mark 11:1-11 Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem fulfilled Zechariah’s 500 year old prophecy: “Your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” Zechariah 9:9 In the shouted praise of those surrounding Jesus, we sense their anticipation & longing that God would deliver on his promise. Their Deliverer was coming. But what would that deliverance look like? Jesus had been explaining over and over to his disciples that his mission was far greater than a political or military overthrow of Roman oppression, and that he was headed for rejection and suffering and death. The disciples would see God’s plan unfold, and understand the <i>extent</i> of the deliverance that would come – eternal salvation secured for any who place their trust in Jesus, through the generations & worldwide. “Your King is coming”... So we hold fast to God’s ages-old promise of salvation, renewal, & conquest of evil. God’s kingdom was established by Jesus’ victory over death & evil; his kingdom grows as individual’s receive his salvation & live to honour their King; and one day, maybe sooner than we think, our King will return to complete the transformation of all things. In our lives right now, may we stick close to Jesus, see what he is doing in the world and join in.</p>
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