



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 35 Tues Apr 4th</p>	<p>Jesus predicts his death Read John 12:20-36 Jesus’ teaching about his fast-approaching death was in response to a request to one of his disciples by some Greeks who had travelled to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover: “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” We see the depth of Jesus’ love in his willingness to sacrifice his life (v24), his longing to glorify his father (v28), and his promise to flood the darkness of our lives with his light (v36). It’s clear from reading the gospels that Jesus’ anticipation of the suffering ahead was deep and real. Truly he was, using the words of Isaiah’s prophecy, “a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.” Isaiah 53:3 Life leaves its scars in our lives. What comfort there is to reflect that Jesus understands. What courage there is to be gained by relying on his strength day by day. Pray for those who you know are in a dark place – either because they don’t yet know the Lord of light or because life is hard. “May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you.” Psalm 33:22</p>
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