



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 36 Weds Apr 5th</p>	<p>Judas agrees to betray Jesus Read Luke 22:1-6 The Devil energized Judas’ intention to betray Jesus to the Jewish authorities (v3). His aim is always to thwart God’s plans. This, however, doesn’t absolve Judas of responsibility – we all have the gift of free will. We can only speculate about Judas’ reasons for this treachery against Jesus. Jesus had clearly said that he was going to die, not start a revolt against Rome. So Judas may have assumed that he therefore wasn’t the Messiah they were expecting. The pain of betrayal is added to the suffering Jesus would endure. Within hours, all his followers would abandon him. So we marvel again at Jesus’ love-inspired, not-counting-the-cost, whole-hearted dedication to lay down his life to make our salvation possible. Knowing what he endured assures us of his understanding of us when experiences of life threaten to engulf us. In difficult times we choose either to turn <i>from</i> God or to turn <i>to</i> him. As we turn to him we find the grace and strength we need, and his constant presence with us. Our help does indeed come from the Lord, the maker of heaven & earth (Psalm 121).</p>
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