

Children's Section

Conor's Piece

My passage is this:

Then Jesus went back to his followers and found them asleep. Jesus said to Peter, "Could you men not stay awake with me for one hour? Stay awake and pray for strength against temptation. Your spirit wants to do what is right. But your body is weak."

Even the disciples found it hard to stay awake that night! Even though they had spent all that time with Jesus they still needed to pray to have the strength they needed to do what is right.

We're just like those disciples. If we are to do what God wants us to, then we need to pray!

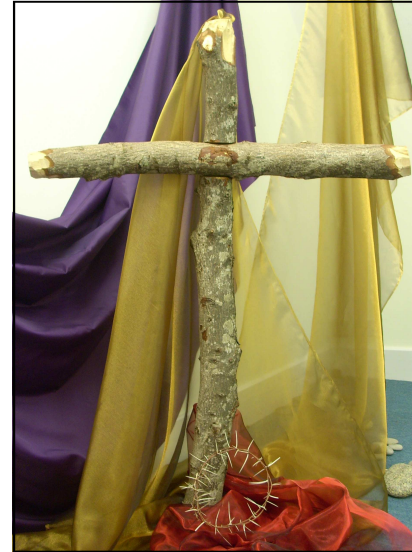
Who Am I?

I am in the book of John,
I'm a Pharisee and an important Jewish leader.
I came to talk to Jesus during the night.
I helped Joseph to prepare Jesus' body for burial
WHO AM I?

I am in the book of Samuel.
I was David's closest friend.
I helped David to not be killed by my father
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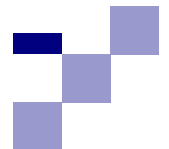
Journey To The Cross:

What Are You Taking Up?

Week 3

Lenten Reflections

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There will be a new booklet each week to help you prepare for Easter. Different people in the church will be contributing their thoughts and reflections.



Bible Reading:

Jesus in the Garden. Matthew 26:36-46

Reflection:

As I read this passage again, two things struck me. Firstly it really hit home that Jesus was no superhero and we can see his human side. In verse 37 it says “he began to be sorrowful and troubled”, and in verse 38 Jesus says to his disciples “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death.” When he asks God to “take this cup from me”, he was not pretending, he was genuinely asking God to stop, if possible, what was about to happen. He did not want to face the hardships of torture and death that lay ahead of him.

Secondly, in his sorrow and anguish what did he do? He prayed and asked God to help him. As he did, Jesus was willing to submit to his Father’s plan, verse 39 “yet not as I will, but as you will”, even if death was the outcome.

Why was he willing to do this? Because this was the only way for us to be free. This was the only way we could ever be with our heavenly Father. Jesus loved us enough to do this for us (if you get a chance read John Ch.17!)

As we face life and all the happiness, joy or sorrow that it brings, are we willing, like Jesus, to pray the same prayer “yet not as I will, but as you will”?

What I’m taking up?

A Practical Tip

Like many of you, life for me can be pretty hectic, work, family, mummy taxis, meetings, etc. A good friend of mine once told me “Sheena, remember to take time to stop and smell the roses and just be with God!” We can all get caught up with life and fail to spend the time with God we need. I thought about that a lot and looked at when in my daily life would be a good set time to just be with God. I spend a lot of time in the car driving to work and