

Thursday : The Path to Golgotha.

Read : Mark 15:21-41.

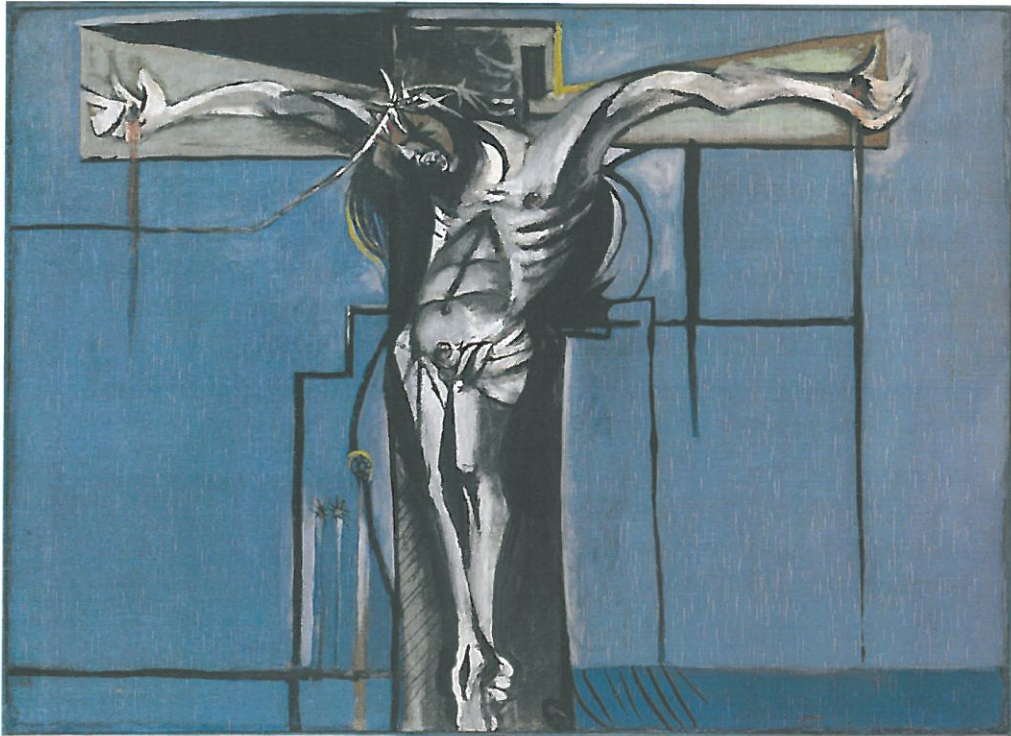
Questions for Reflection.

Look at verse 31. Do you agree or disagree with the claim of the mockers? Explain why.

What is the significance of the tearing of the temple veil. Mark uses exactly the same expression (“torn open”) in 1:10. What might this suggest?

Prayer.

Praise God for the salvation made possible through Jesus’ death and the way to God which has been made open.



Easter Reflections : 2017

Prayer Room : 07:30 - 08:00

“Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus”



Monday, 10th April : The Upstairs Room

Tuesday, 11th April: The Garden on the Mount of Olives

Wednesday 12th April : The High Priest’s House

Thursday, 13th April : The Path to Golgotha

Introduction

In his account of Jesus' passion, Mark takes us to a very specific set of locations : the upstairs room, the scene of the Last Supper; the garden on the Mount of Olives; the High Priest's house; the Roman governor's residence; the path to Golgotha, the "place of the skull", where the executions are performed; and the tomb.

It may be that the early Christians walked reflectively in the footsteps of Jesus from one location to the next. Indeed, pilgrims still do so today as these sites are quite close together. You can walk prayerfully around them in one morning.

This Easter, we will walk in our imagination from one location to the next, stopping at each place to worship, to reflect and to pray before we reach the empty tomb on Easter Sunday morning.

Monday : The Upstairs Room

Read : Mark 11:12-26.

Questions for reflection.

Mark tells us that these events took place at Passover time.

What did the Passover Feast celebrate and why might this be an appropriate setting as we approach Jesus' passion?

What do you think Jesus is referring to in verse 25?

Prayer.

Pray that our heart would be a place ready and prepared for Jesus to visit.



Tuesday : The Garden on the Mount of Olives.

Read : Mark 14:32-42.

Questions for reflection.

Look at John 12:27-28. What would have been the consequences of Jesus praying "save me from this hour" rather than "not what I will but what you will"?

What does the name Gethsemane mean and why might it be appropriate for this part of the passion story?

Prayer.

Pray that we too would be able to ask for God's will to be done in our lives and in our church.



Wednesday : The High Priest's House.

Read : Mark 14:53-65.

Questions for reflection.

Look at verse 58. What was Jesus referring to in the words attributed to him here? (See John 2:19-22). What might it mean for us to be God's temple? (look at 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19-20)

How is Jesus' use of the title 'Son of Man' here different from his use of it in 14:41?

Prayer

Pray especially for Christians who are the victims of injustice at the hands of corrupt leaders.

