

Good Friday - The Cross of Jesus



Look at the cross and the symbols surrounding it. Does the cross attract you or worry you?

Read Mark 15.21-41

Reflect and discuss:

1. Think about the crowds. Why did they taunt Jesus? Why were they wrong to think that to be the King of Israel, Jesus had to come down from the cross?
2. Think about Jesus. What was he experiencing? How does he face his suffering? What happens as he dies? What do you think is the significance of that?
3. Think about the attitude of the soldiers as Jesus was crucified and the centurion's response afterwards. What is different about them? What could have made the centurion respond as he did? How do you respond to the death of Jesus?
4. Think about the cross. Why do we celebrate Christ's death on Good Friday not Bad Friday or Sad Friday? How can the death of Jesus be something to celebrate?

Look at the cross and the red robe. What does it symbolise for you? How should you respond to Christ's death?

Reflect on the words:

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small,
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

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