

# Spring Term

## Theme: Community

### Year Five

## Topic: Mission

#### based on Luke 8: 1-3

Jesus travelled through towns and villages preaching and proclaiming the Good News. The twelve disciples went with him as well as some women. Among them were Mary, whose surname was Magdalene, Joanna whose husband Chuza worked at Herod's court and Susanna. There are many other women who used their own resources to help Jesus and his disciples.

#### based on Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

The spirit of God has been given to me.  
God has sent me to bring good news to the poor,  
to comfort the broken hearted,  
to set free those who are imprisoned  
to proclaim that the time has come  
when God will shower blessings on his people.  
My heart is filled with joy,  
with praise and thanks to God.  
I feel as if God has surrounded me in love,  
as if God has wrapped me up in a cloak of blessings.  
I feel like a bride dressed for her wedding, adorned in  
jewels. For just as surely as the earth sends up green  
shoots,  
just as surely as the garden makes seeds grow,  
so will God bring love and justice and praise to  
people.

#### based on John 17:11-12, 20-23

"Holy Father, I am coming to you.  
Keep my friends safe.  
They belong to you.  
Keep them close to you and to each other.  
Let them be as close as I am to you.  
I kept them close to you."

"Father, I pray for these my friends  
and for all those in the future whom they  
will bring to know me.  
Just as you and I are one,  
I pray that my friends will always be one  
with us and with one another.  
I pray that they will be so at one with one  
another,  
that everyone will know that you sent me,  
and that you have loved them as you have  
loved me."

#### based on Luke 4: 14-22

Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, returned to Galilee. News about him spread all through that place. He taught in the synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazareth where he had been brought up and went into the synagogue as he usually did. He stood up to read. He was given the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place and read:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me for he has chosen and anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to heal the broken hearted. He has sent me to set free all those who are imprisoned or oppressed in any way."

He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue attendant and sat down. All the people in the synagogue were looking at him as he said to them, "This passage of Scripture came true today while you heard it being read."

Everyone was impressed by him and marvelled at the wonderful and powerful words that he spoke.





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## Theme: Giving

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## Topic: Sacrifice

### based on Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, very early on Sunday morning, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. Suddenly there was a violent earthquake. An angel of the Lord came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was lit up and his clothes were as white as snow. The guards were so afraid that they trembled and could not do anything. The angel spoke to the women, "Do not be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here. He has been raised from death. Come and see the place where he lay, and then go quickly and tell his disciples that He is risen from the dead and is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there." Filled with deep wonder and great joy the women ran to tell the disciples.

Suddenly, Jesus was there, coming to meet them. "Peace be with you," he said. The women went up to him, took hold of his feet and bowed down and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must go to Galilee; they will see me there."

### based on Mark 14: 32-46

When they reached the place called Gethsemane, Jesus said to his apostles, "Sit here while I go over there to pray."

He took Peter, James and John with him. He was very frightened and he said to them, "My heart is ready to break. I'm so terrified of what is going to happen to me. You wait here and stay awake."

He went a little further on, threw himself on the ground and prayed. "Father," he said, "You can do anything. Take this suffering from me. But I will do what you want, not what I want."

He came back and found his friends asleep and he said to Peter, "Simon are you asleep? Could you not stay awake even for one hour? Stay awake and pray."

He went away once more and prayed saying the same words. Then he came back and found them asleep again. They could not keep their eyes open, and they did not know what to say to him.

When he came back a third time he said to them, "You can sleep on now and have your rest. The hour has come. I am going to be betrayed and handed over to violent people. Get up! Let us go! My betrayer is not very far away."

He was still speaking when Judas, one of the twelve apostles came with some soldiers. They were armed with swords and sticks. They had been sent by the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders. Judas had said to them, 'The one I kiss is the one you want. Arrest him and make sure he is well guarded as you lead him away'.

As soon as Judas arrived, he went up to Jesus and said, "Rabbi," and kissed him.

Then they took hold of Jesus and arrested him.



### **based on Mark 15: 1-15**

Early in the morning, the chief priests, the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole council had their plan ready. They tied Jesus' hands and led him away to hand him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus said, "The words are yours."

The chief priests were accusing Jesus of all sorts of things so Pilate asked him again, "Aren't you going to say anything? Listen to all they are saying about you."

Again, Jesus refused to say a word and Pilate was amazed.

At every Passover festival Pilate usually set free one prisoner. At that time a man named Barabbas was in prison. He had committed a murder during a riot. When the crowd gathered Pilate asked, "Do you want me to set the King of the Jews free or Barabbas?"

He knew that the chief priests had handed Jesus over because they were jealous of him. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd and got them to ask for Barabbas to be set free.

Pilate spoke again to the crowd, "What do you want me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

They shouted back, "Crucify him!"

"But what crime has he committed?" Pilate asked.

They shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"

Pilate wanted to please the crowd, so he set Barabbas free for them. Then he had Jesus whipped and handed him over to be crucified.

### **based on Luke 23: 26-43**

The soldiers led Jesus away. On the road they met a man called Simon. He came from Cyrene. He was on his way from the country into the city. They forced him to carry the cross behind Jesus. A large crowd of people went after them. Among them were women who cried when they saw Jesus. Jesus turned to them and said "Do not weep for me. Weep for yourselves and for your children."

Jesus was nailed to a cross outside the city walls. There were two others put to death with him, one on his right and the other on his left. When Jesus was dying he said, "Father forgive them. They do not know that they are doing."

The soldiers played a game of dice to decide who would have his clothes. There was a notice nailed to the cross of Jesus. It said, "This is Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews!"

One of the men on the cross made fun of Jesus saying, "If you are a real king, why don't you save us all?"

The other man told him to be quiet because Jesus had done nothing wrong. Then he said to Jesus, "Please remember me. Don't ever forget me."

Jesus said, "I will remember you today and you will be with me always."



### **based on Mark 15:21-41**

People passing by insulted Jesus. They shook their heads and said, “Come down from the cross and save yourself.”

The chief priests and the teachers of the law jeered at Jesus, saying to each other, “He saved others but he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now and we will believe in him.”

The two who were crucified with him insulted him too. At midday the whole country became dark. This lasted three hours.

At three o'clock, Jesus cried out, “Eloi, Eloi Lama Sabactani,” which means, ‘My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?’

Some of the people there heard him and said, “Listen, he is calling for Elijah.”

Someone soaked a sponge in cheap wine and put it on the end of a stick. He held it to his lips saying, “Let’s see if Elijah will come and take him down from the cross.”

Then Jesus gave a loud cry and died.

When the centurion, who was standing opposite saw how he died he said, “This man really was the Son of God.”

Some women were there watching from a distance. They were Mary of Magdala, Mary the Mother of the younger James and of Joseph, and Salome. They had followed Jesus and had helped him when he was in Galilee. Many other women were there who had come up to Jerusalem with him.

