

St Peter's Ealing
Sunday 11th July 2021
Trinity 6 YrB – Family Mass

Who is this Jesus?

A couple of silly jokes:

What is black and white and red all over? A newspaper

What is green and hairy and goes up and down? A gooseberry in a lift

Silly jokes I know, based on word play. Words can be used to erroneously describe things or can be used to misdirect or mislead.

A couple of riddles:

I must be broken before I can be used. An egg

I run but never walk. I have a bed but never sleep. A river

I have a spine but have no bones. A book

I was born long ago. I died and am with you now. I will always love you though you cannot touch me know. I will make everything whole and I ask you to tell others how I have changed your life. Who am I?

We can use words to trick people or misdirect their thinking. Sometime if we just did not make assumptions or make stuff up.

I guess in a way this sort of happened to King Herod. He heard all these stories about Jesus, the wisdom of his teaching the people who were healed and walked or talked or saw for the first time. Rather than stopped and asking simple questions he jumped to the assumption that something magical or supernatural was happening here. Herod, not helped by those around him put two and two together and came up with three. Herod and his sidekicks really did not understand.

What do you think they didn't understand?

That Jesus was the Son of God and that God was at work through him.

Now I realise we have the advantage of the Gospel stories and the epistles to tell us who Jesus is.

In the epistle reading we are told through Jesus we have the promise of forgiveness and love.

If we have heard what Jesus was doing, what we say about him? Who would we say Jesus was? or indeed is?

Next question is important for us to ponder:

If we say all these good things about Jesus, and I am guessing how we know these things don't just come from reading the Bible, they also come from living the good news and experiencing Jesus in our own lives, let alone for the things we have been taught; who do we say Jesus is, what will we tell other people?

A final riddle:

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