



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## Acts 10:34-43 (NIV)

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.

<sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

<sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—

<sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

<sup>39</sup> "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.

<sup>41</sup> He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

<sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

## Matthew 27:27-46 (NIV)

### The Soldiers Mock Jesus

<sup>27</sup> Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him.

<sup>28</sup> They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup> and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said.

<sup>30</sup> They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again.

<sup>31</sup> After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

### The Crucifixion of Jesus

<sup>32</sup> As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross.

<sup>33</sup> They came to a place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull").

<sup>34</sup> There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it.

<sup>35</sup> When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

<sup>36</sup> And sitting down, they kept watch over him there.

<sup>37</sup> Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

<sup>38</sup> Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.

<sup>39</sup> Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup> and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!"

<sup>41</sup> In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him.

<sup>42</sup> "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.

<sup>43</sup> He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

<sup>44</sup> In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

### The Death of Jesus

<sup>45</sup> From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land.

<sup>46</sup> About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lemasabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").



God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.

~ Saint Augustine

### CHURCH SERVICES

6 April	6pm	Hallsville ~ NO SERVICE
8 April	8.30am	Gowrie ~ Meg Mangan
8 April	11am	West ~ Meg Mangan



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 April ~ Laurie Mangan

.... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for the people of the New Guinea highlands who are still experiencing aftershocks following last months' earthquakes. Many are sleeping under canvas, as it is not yet safe to begin rebuilding.
- We pray for friends who are absent, and other people who are travelling this weekend.
- Bronwyn Monckton, Jodie Bishop and Mel Townsend continue to need our prayers as they recover from medical procedures.
- We continue to pray for the people of Tathra whose homes were destroyed, and the people of the Hunter region who were flooded.

### Meg's Musings

Easter moves us from the sadness of Good Friday to the joy of Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. There are times in our lives, too, when sadness holds sway, and other times of pure joy..... and times in between when we experience a range of emotions.

But whatever we feel, and whatever the reason why we are feeling that way, God understands. And God is ready and able to walk beside us, whatever we are facing or feeling.

God doesn't always lift the burden from our shoulders, just as he chose not to lift the burden of Calvary from the shoulders of Jesus. When life is tough, we need to be ready to ask God, "What is your will in this?"

It is not that God is punishing us.... God loves us - enough to allow us to experience all of life!.

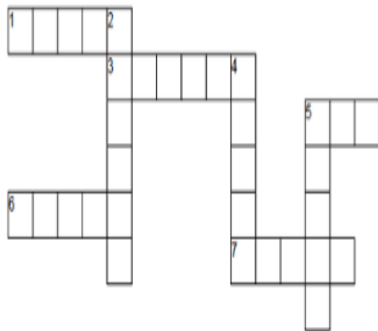
Blessings from Meg



## I've Just Seen Jesus

Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). John 20:16 (NIV)

Complete the activity below. The words in the puzzle are found in John 20:1-18.



#### ACROSS

1. The color of snow; the opposite of black
3. Messengers from heaven
5. To produce tears; to weep
6. Not dead
7. To have nothing inside

#### DOWN

2. The day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection
4. What was used to cover the entrance to Jesus' tomb
5. A piece of fabric made by weaving cotton, wool, or other fibers



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month**

~ Luncheon @ West

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month**

~Trading Table @ West Tamworth

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month**

~ Markets @ Hallsville



### John 20:1-18 (NIV)

#### The Empty Tomb

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

<sup>2</sup> So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

<sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.

<sup>4</sup> Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

<sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.

<sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup> as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen.

<sup>8</sup> Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.

<sup>9</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

<sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

#### Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

<sup>11</sup> Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb

<sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

<sup>13</sup> They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."

<sup>14</sup> At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

This weekend we're supposed to turn our clocks back. Personally, I'd much rather turn my scales back.



#### PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION

Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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