

KEY VERSE:

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16



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EYEWITNESS : John



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KNOW WHAT:

- This is the last in our series 'Eyewitnesses' in which we are looking at the four people who wrote first hand accounts of Jesus' life. These accounts are called Gospels which means 'Good News.'
- The first was Matthew, a Jewish tax collector who left his work to follow Jesus. Matthew wrote the first 'Gospel'. The second was a young man called Mark who ran away when Jesus was arrested but later became brave in telling people about Jesus.
- Last week we learnt about Luke who wrote the third gospel as well as another book called 'Acts'. Luke was a doctor and historian who collected together the stories of people who had met Jesus.
- The fourth gospel was written by John, who may be the 'beloved disciple' mentioned in his gospel (John 13:23). It was written later than the others and the account has themes such as the seven 'I am' sayings of Jesus, not found in the other gospels.
- John says his gospel was written so that people may believe that Jesus is the Son of God (John 20:31).

SO WHAT:

- The gospels contain all we need to know about Jesus, God's Son. They tell us of Jesus' life, his words and actions.
- The gospels are 'good news' for all who believe.

NOW WHAT:

- We can be confident that the stories we hear about Jesus are true. They were shared by witnesses and have stood the test of time.
- Let us collect together our own stories about knowing Jesus and share them with others.

JIM'S JOTTINGS: Congratulations to the Queen



As we celebrate Her Majesty's 90th birthday this weekend we remember how fortunate we are to have such a wonderful Queen. Few monarchs in history have provided the quiet, sacrificial, inspirational and self-sacrificial leadership in the way that she has. I wonder how she will be remembered in history?

I think that there are two aspects of Queen Elizabeth II's life which will continue to be spoken of. The first is her deep commitment to serving others. At her coronation she committed herself to a lifetime of service to the country. Throughout her reign she has stuck to that commitment, even when it has cost her personally. In contemporary society, which is so often characterised by a 'What's in it for me?' attitude, Her Majesty stands as a beacon for something far better.



The second aspect of the Queen that stands out is her personal Christian faith. As Queen of the Commonwealth Elizabeth is a person of great influence and prestige, yet she constantly bows her heart before the King of Kings. She does so in a quiet, humble fashion, as a person who trusts in the God she serves, who himself shows the supreme example of servanthood, by coming to Earth as a servant for all of our sakes.

Over this celebration weekend let us pause to reflect on our own lifestyles. How do people see us? Are we servants of each other or interested only in ourselves? The latter will never bring true satisfaction: the former brings life.