

## Connections. The journey towards the tomb.

We make connections in lots of different ways. We connect people, experiences and technologies. Sometimes the connections that we make were not apparent to us before.

*Have you ever noticed or made the connection that the arrow that points to the side of the car with the filler*



*fuel indicator has an cap?*

Since recalling the experience of Jesus going into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday it has been an incredibly challenging week for his followers. There have been both metaphorically and physically dark moments as the disciples watched Jesus die on a cross. Yet it is evident from the account that we read that those that followed Jesus had yet to make the connection between what Jesus had said and what had unfolded.

The preparation of the women, that started on the Friday (Lk 23:56), and indeed their journey towards the cross was one that was yet to be connected to the message of hope that had previously been proclaimed to them.

Their journey was, to the place of the dead - as commented by the angels that addressed them - their expectation was to find the body and to use the spices that they had brought. The connection would soon be made.

*How might their journey might be emblematic of many others who have never made a connection between the hope of the Easter message and their own lives?*

Their journey was one that was surrounded by the reality of death. However, the connection they would soon make would point them to life in all its fullness. *Re-read verse 4-8.*

"Then they remembered his words." – connections made!

As we celebrate the Joy of Easter, we too are invited to make this connection that with the encounter with the empty tomb and the news: "He is not here; He is risen!"- we celebrate that death has been defeated once and for all.

**Amen**