

PLEASE NOTE...

1. What's the evidence for Jesus' resurrection?

Join us tonight as Andrew Sach considers this topic at our next Big Questions event. 7 – 8 pm, upstairs @ Greenwich Tavern, SE10 9JH.

2. Easter Weekend:

Good Friday: Joint service (with hot cross buns!) at 10:30 am @ St Helen's Bishopsgate, EC3A 6AT. Drop off children at Sunday school (in St Andrew's Undershaft, nearby) or crèche (at St Helen's) before the service.

Easter Sunday: Please join us for a special all-age service, normal place and time.

3. Grace Groups meet this Wednesday: we encourage all members of the church to join a Grace Group to get to know each other, to pray, and to hear from God's word. Why not come this week to try it out? 7.30 pm for food, groups from 8 – 9.15 pm, King William Court, Old Royal Naval College.

4. Looking further ahead: some dates for the diary:

- Last Grace Group of term: 3rd April
- First Grace Group of summer term: 24th April
- **No Sunday service (Spring Weekend Away): 28th April**
- Autumn Weekend Away:
 - 11th – 13th October 2019

5. Giving: Grace Church is funded by the donations of its members. To support our work and give tax efficiently please email treasurer@gracechurchgreenwich.org.uk (40-52-40 / 00027789).

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Sunday 31st March 2019

Welcome!

Sam James is leading
Andrew Sach will be preaching

"Can human traffickers be saved?"

*"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off
have been brought near by the blood of Christ."
Ephesians 2:13*

SONG: We are God's people

CHILDREN'S TALK

CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you
And against our fellow men,
In thought and word and deed,
In the evil we have done
And in the good we have not done,
Through ignorance, through weakness,
Through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may serve you in newness of life
To the glory of your name. Amen.

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NOTICES (children leave for Sunday school & crèche)

INTERVIEW

CONGREGATIONAL READING: Isaiah 49:5-6

SONG: Here is love

SONG: Awake, awake O Zion

READING: Luke 4:22-30 (p.860)

SONG: You're the word of God the Father

READING: 2 Kings 5 (p.311)

SERMON

PRAYERS

SONG: Come people of the risen king

BLESSING

Next Sunday service 7th April
2 Kings 6:1-23 – Spiritual Optician

“Can human traffickers be saved?”

2 Kings 5

Introduction: Is Christianity exclusive?

“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.” (Matthew 7:13)

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” (John 14:6)

“And there is salvation in no one else [but Jesus], for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

Beware the “inclusive church” movement

A little Hebrew lesson

נָעַר	Na-ar	“Boy”
נָעַר קָטָן	Na-ar Qabtone	“Little boy”
נַעֲרָה	N-arab	“Girl”
נַעֲרָה קָטָנָה	N-arab Q-tanah	“Little Girl”

MEET THE CAST

Elisha is the Christ figure

We have seen that Elisha prefigures Christ in many ways: his miracles, his baptism by a prophet at the Jordan, even his name.

The Little Girl (vv1-5)



Courageous

Compassionate

Inclusively-exclusive

Salvation is inclusive

Q: Who can be saved?

A: Anyone, even Syrians!

Yet it is exclusive

Q: How can Syrians be saved?

A: Only by the God of Israel (not by Syrian gods)

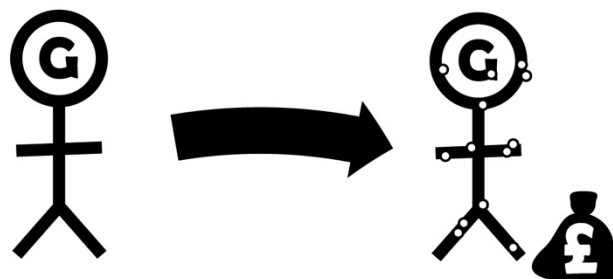
The Human Trafficker (vv5-19)



‘Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean’ (v10)

So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored *like the flesh of a little child*, and he was clean. (v14)

The Racist Disciple (vv19-27)



Coffee question

How can we be more like the little girl at work or amongst neighbours or at the school gate or with unbelieving family or with friends? How can we be more courageous? Compassionate? Inclusively-exclusive?