

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Friday 28th April 2023

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I remember watching The Passion (Not to be confused with Mel Gibson's The Passion of the Christ) , a BBC series on the last week of Jesus, a few years back. I was particularly struck how they did the resurrection appearances in the final episode. Joseph Mawle, played Jesus, very movingly and humanly. However, for the resurrection scenes, there were different actors playing Jesus. Which captured beautifully how when the disciples first saw the resurrected Jesus, not only did they not recognise him and they had different experiences of Him.

He appeared as a gardener to Mary, as another traveller to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, as a stranger who gave fishing advice to Peter.

It strikes me that, as well as saying the same things in prayer, song and statements of faith in a church service, we also have our individual experiences, and encounters with Jesus. And they won't necessarily be the same. We don't all have to have exactly the same way of believing or understanding. How we articulate it, may sometimes look very different to another's. And yet, at the same time, we have that feeling that we are part of the same divine story, the same community, we are brought together in Jesus, not driven apart.

There is room for all of us. So come as you are. All are welcome.

Jesus said - I will never turn away anyone who comes to me, - John 6:37

Video clips of the Resurrection appearances from The Passion can be watched [here](#).