

## Thought for the day – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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Singing or not

Possibly the thing I have missed most during this strange period, other being able to meet family and friends, has been the loss of singing.

While zooming services it is good to sing along with the hymns and songs (or at least mime.)

When we could meet in church it was even more frustrating not to be able to sing.

Sometimes I find myself singing in odd places, it used to be in the supermarket. Hymns and songs pop into my head, and sometimes I like to remember songs from long ago. Using jigsaw planet (thanks Jill) I sometimes seek places I have been – and sometimes there are songs to go with them.

One song I am reminded of is “By blue Galilee”

By blue Galilee, Jesus walked of old,

By blue Galilee wondrous things he told.

Saviour, still my Teacher be,

Showing wondrous things to me,

As of old by Galilee, Blue Galilee.

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I can remember singing this by the seaside. It is a reminder of Jesus’ teaching and miracles. The stories we heard spoke to us as well as the songs.

If you get the chance to go to Lake Lucerne you can look down on the bluest and greenest of lakes, and you can also look up at the hills and mountains. And sometimes you can see a cross to remind us of Jesus. There is a memorable one at the top of Mount Rigi, this reminds me of another song.

“Out there among the hills,

My Saviour died;

Pierced by those cruel nails,

Was crucified.

Lord Jesus, Thou hast done

All this for me,

Henceforward I would live

Only for Thee.”

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It is a reminder of the love of God.

How do we live for Christ?

Perhaps it is to know Christ and make him known.