

Thought for the day – Saturday 3rd April 2021

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What do you think of this it comes from a book of Lent and Easter Readings from Iona edited by Neil Paynter

This comes in the section “after Easter”. It is by John Davies

Stooge Jesus

He was our April fool
hanging on a tree in spring,
a king to mock and sniff at

He was the world’s buffoon,
throwing his arms around lepers
like there was no tomorrow

He was a clown
in the circus of the temple
Except no one laughed
at his table-throwing turn that day

Stooge Jesus
taking the knocks from us
The divine comedian.

He was a straight man
to the puffed up priests
who used his new commandments
as their feed lines

If he'd been a woman
he'd have been their Aunt Sally
set up for a knockdown.

An apology of a messiah
he seemed to those
who wanted a warrior not a peace-full fool

An eccentric, he was
to those whose lives he changed in public
then told to keep it secret

What a queer fish
filling Peter's nets with;
feeding the five thousand with;
taking resurrection breakfast with;
queer fish

What a caution
to the daughters of Jerusalem

The Son of God's a kidder
Stooge Jesus
Taking custard pies in his face forever
The divine comedian.

