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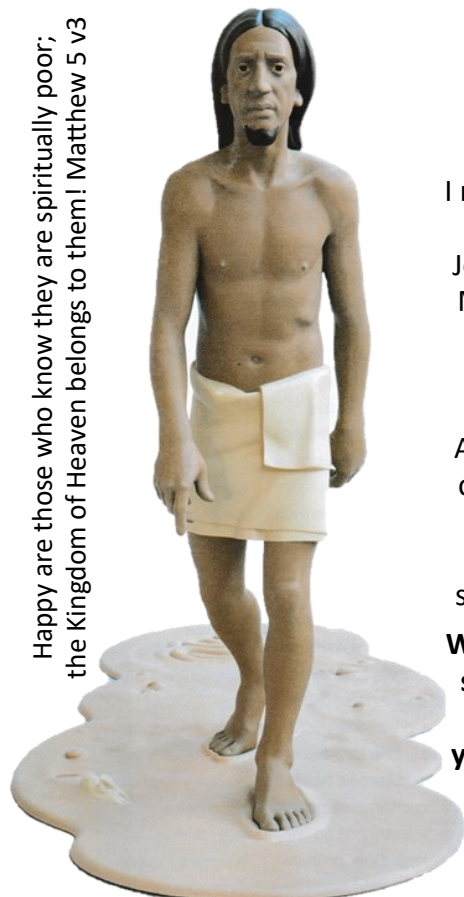
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MAN WHO WALKS AMONG US

I remember seeing this life-size sculpture of Jesus in the St Mungo Museum of Religious Life in Glasgow and how it made a huge impression.

Andy Hunter won the competition to make an artwork to mark the year 2000 as special in our history.

What strikes me is the sense that Jesus has NOTHING yet he has everything important and everything we could ever need!



Reflections at the Quay BBC SCOTLAND TV

11.15am on 28th February 2021

this week led by Professor Nicholas Price, former professor of biochemistry and now lay reader in the Scottish Episcopal Church, and an interview with the Rev David Coleman, environmental chaplain Eco-Congregation Scotland. Music is by Laura Samuel and Lynda Cochrane of the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra

The BBC are astonished that over 100,000 people are watching this programme every week!

(Available on iPlayer soon after the broadcast)

**11am Meadowbank Zoom Service
ask Russell for phone or internet link**



We continue to follow Jesus through Mark's Gospel where this week we hear of a 'high point' where he is transfigured on the mountaintop

He was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. Mark 9 v3

A Lent Study Group by Zoom

If you'd like to take part in some Lent Discussion Groups based on Bible Society emails, please sign up to receive them (for free!)

[The Lent Encounter - Bible Society](#)

The study group will be led by Edmund Farrow from Meadowbank and Malcolm Ramsay from Willowbrae starting at 7pm on Monday 1st March



Dear Friends,

It is exciting for me to think that we are working together with other churches to share ideas for Holy Week 2021. This shows a growing and deepening friendship and respect which I believe is very much in the spirit of Jesus. Each of the congregations will offer a Zoom Service and our offering will be a shared reading of Mark's Gospel. On Sunday I spoke of how Mark originally wrote the Gospel to be read out in church for all to hear from beginning to end. He wanted people to experience the drama of Jesus life, death and resurrection in a new way.

Please let me know if you are able to make crochet hearts for giving and display outside the church at Easter Week

**With grace and
peace in Jesus**

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Damaris Olivares crossed the border into Colombia with nine small children, the youngest just 6 days old



No matter their destination, the vast majority of people coming from Venezuela come through these treacherous roads in Colombia: a 125-mile journey over a 12,000-foot pass here in the Andes Mountains.

"It's the coldest place I've known in my life," said Fredy Rondón, who had come from Venezuela's capital, Caracas, with a single bag of belongings. Now, he was breathless at 10,500 feet, with a treeless steppe before him.



Children, women and men from Venezuela are fleeing into neighbouring countries to seek safety from violence, insecurity, lack of food and medicine and increasing poverty. Many of these people are vulnerable and in need of urgent protection.

More than 5 million Venezuelans have left the country since 2014, resulting in the largest exodus in the recent history of Latin America.

an email from Eleanor

Good morning Russell,

After our focus on world refugees last week I thought you would be interested to read this quote. It came in my Tearfund prayer update

"Praise God for the Colombian government's decision to grant legal status to 1.8 million (yes, 1.8 million!) Venezuelan refugees. Although this process will take several months, it will begin to help them access healthcare and employment".

Tearfund have been seeking to help these refugees with food parcels, etc., during the pandemic and they will now help them to apply for their legal status. In the midst of so much doom and gloom I was greatly heartened to read this.

Thank you for the service yesterday.

Eleanor

tearfund

prayer points

- **Pray for Venezuelan refugees in Colombia, that they will be able to access food during the pandemic and be able to feed their families.**
- **Ask God to protect people who are likely to be particularly vulnerable to the virus, especially the elderly. But also women and children who are at risk of violence and abuse when confined to their homes.**
- **Pray for a quick end to the outbreak, so that people can start to rebuild their lives.**

what can we do?

Prayer is always important and we can donate to organisations like Tearfund, a Christian charity that partners with churches in more than 50 of the world's poorest countries. Tearfund looks to tackle poverty through sustainable development, responding to disasters, and challenging injustice. Tearfund believes an end to extreme poverty is possible.