RE Lesson for Week beginning: Monday 23rd March 2020 (Up to 45 mins)

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| Thursday 26st March 2020LO: To be able to describe scripture stories, beliefs and feelings about the sacrifice of Jesus and make  links between them. SC: I can reflect on the events of the Trial of Jesus and express them from Pilate’s point of View. The Sacrifice of Jesus |
| Self-Assessment - My understanding: ⚫🞏 ⚫🞏 ⚫🞏 I felt: ☺🞏 😐🞏 ☹🞏 |

Background Information:

After Jesus was arrested he was taken to the High Priest’s house for questioning, he was insulted and badly treated. They handed him over to the Roman governor Pilate; this is Mark’s account of his trial.

Now read this text: Good Friday - The Sacrifice of Jesus (Based on Mark 15:1-15)

Early in the morning, the chief priests, the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole council had their plan ready.

They tied Jesus’ hands and led him away to hand him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Jesus said, “The words are yours.”

The chief priests were accusing Jesus of all sorts of things so Pilate asked him again,

“Aren’t you going to say anything? Listen to all they are saying about you.”

Again, Jesus refused to say a word and Pilate was amazed.

At every Passover festival Pilate usually set free one prisoner. At that time a man named Barabbas was in prison.

He had committed a murder during a riot. When the crowd gathered Pilate asked, “Do you want me to set the King of the Jews free or Barabbas?”

He knew that the chief priests had handed Jesus over because they were jealous of him.

But the chief priests stirred up the crowd and got them to ask for Barabbas to be set free.

Pilate spoke again to the crowd, “What do you want me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?”

They shouted back, “Crucify him!”

“But what crime has he committed?” Pilate asked.

They shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

Pilate wanted to please the crowd, so he set Barabbas free for them. Then he had Jesus whipped and handed him over to be crucified.

Things to notice:

Notice that Jesus makes no attempt to explain himself. He accepts his fate, knowing it will lead to his death. He is ready to make this sacrifice. After his struggle in the Garden of Gethsemane he has accepted God’s will.

Questions to think about (discuss – no need to write answers):

Q. How does Pontius Pilate try to find the truth about Jesus?

Q. Why does Pilate call Jesus the King of the Jews?

Q. Why do you think Jesus does not answer him?

Q. Why do you think the crowd shouted for Barabbas to be released and for Jesus to be crucified?

Q. Do you think this is the same crowd who greeted Jesus on his entry into Jerusalem, if so why have they changed?

Q. What do we learn about Jesus from his attitude at his trial?

**Writing Task: Write a report from Pilate to Caesar, the Roman Emperor, informing him of the trial of Jesus.**

 ***Describe and give reasons for the actions of Jesus, the High Priest and the crowd.***