

- Final Easter Egg makes a similar point.
 - They had a spear and they put it in his side
 - Out came a flow of **blood and water**
 - I've read some medical information about J death¹, Possible that because he couldn't breathe well more fluid was produced around his heart and lungs. When pierced came out.
- Or cd just be natural separation of clear serum from the heavier red platelets Either way, after death blood separates out. Poss 2 litres.
 - I had muslim neighbours who believed Jesus never actually died and he went into a coma but came out of it in the cold of the tomb. Sorry not possible. Jesus was dead.
 - We don't have time to look at Zechariah 12 which is where the final easter egg comes from v37.
 - I mention it in my podcasts if you want to go deeper.
 - But in summary, Jesus is opening an **fountain of forgiveness** to cleanse his people from their sins.
 - It's wonderful.
 - Do you ever feel guilty? Ashamed. Like you don't measure up, like you aren't good enough?
 - You should feel guilty, cos you are, and so am I.
 - What are you going to do with that guilt?
 - Don't **minimise** that guilt by comparing with others, **or making excuses**. Take your guilt to Jesus. He opened a fountain of forgiveness.
 - Are you trusting Jesus? **V35 that you may believe**.
 - He's done everything to bring you back to God.
 - A fountain of forgiveness.
 - It's what you need. Will you trust him?
 - **▲ Wm Cowper** lived in Huntingdon near Sainsb & Rod & Kate).
 - Words of old hymn². If you watch the film about Aretha Franklin's life "Respect" she sings it. Let me read some of the words (stammer/speech impediment caused by stress of exam/mentalhealth). Let's pray.

Good Friday Talk John 19:16b-37

- About to have reading. Know what an **Easter egg** is?
 - **Chocolate** version (looking forward!)
 - **Computer game** or **film**?
 - Hidden item with a meaning (usually from another film)
 - 2 examples.
 - 1 of Indiana Jones- C3P0 & R2D2 hieroglyphics
 - in Frozen Rapunzel (short hair) & Flynn Rider appear as gates are opened for Coronation Day
 - Bible has some **little references** you might not notice until you they are pointed out. We might call them **Easter Eggs** from OT.
 - Some are **harder to spot** than others, like hyssop saw in v29 at prayer meeting, 4 of them marked with words "fulfil OT".
 - But today going to see these 4, and see if you can spot them as they are read out in the reading. (who wants to hold up signs)
 - **No broken bones**
 - **Jar of vinegar**
 - **Piercing Jesus with a spear**.
 - **Casting lots** (not "lots of things". that's a way of seeing by chance who wins a game, like rolling dice, pick longest straw).
 - Each time there's an Easter Egg from the old testament with a special meaning from those verses.
 - So much in verses: hence **Family Dig Deeper**.
 - When you hear the word **ring the bell!**
 - Actors please.
 - See if you can spot which 2 come up in the first ½
- READING 1 = v16b-30 Thanks to our actors. Well done (dice/vineg)**
- Now both of these references go back to the **Psalms**.
 - And both of them tell us that Jesus is the King.
 - Now just crazy think something predicted 1000 years before
 - First one lots v24 (dice) is clear. Psalm 22:18. As footnote- David- God's chosen King is suffering to the point of death. It's an amazing Psalm, do look it up.

¹ <https://www.apu.edu/articles/the-science-of-the-crucifixion/>

² [https://hymnary.org/text/there is a fountain filled with blood dr](https://hymnary.org/text/there_is_a_fountain_filled_with_blood_dr)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1WRt1Ag5gl>

- Speaks into the future of how the King in David's line will suffer.
 - One thing is he will have lots cast for who gets his **clothing**.
 - So the man who gets lots cast (eg rolls dice, someone picks longest **straw**) cast for his clothing will be God's special King
 - And what happens when J dies- "just happened" to cast **lots**.
 - Following in line of David
 - Jesus is the **King forever King for everyone**
- But that's not all, another thing in v28-29
 - Now cd have been the kind of thing **soldiers** would drink- hot work in the sun.
 - We wouldn't drink vinegar, put it on our **chips**!
 - But if you had wine that had **gone off** a bit it was prob v watery and more healthy than water cos no taps.
 - Jesus was thirsty, asks for drink. Take pity. Not nicest drink.
 - Doesn't tell us which Psalm, but likely **Ps 69**. Another Ps of David about an innocent sufferer who trusts God.
 - "They gave **me vinegar** for my thirst" Psalm 69:21
 - David being mistreated,
 - King in his line mistreated years later same way.
- What does all this tell us? **Jesus is the Messiah King**
 - This is so amazing.
 - Prepared 1000 years ago, Jesus must be God's Messiah
 - He's the one the world has been waiting for.
 - Do you see what John telling us. Jesus is the worlds King.
 - This is the person God has put in charge of the universe! **Does he take no1 slot in your life** or have you given it to computer games, money, schoolwork or a new car or kitchen. Or are you still trying to sort out your own life.
 - Our next song goes back in time. Rap. *"He's the king of all history the king of the future, he's the King right now, even if it doesn't suit ya, the king of your street and the king of your home, but is he your king, cos he seated on a throne?"*
 - We are all king of our own lives.
 - That means there's going to be a clash.
 - Xn is someone who has recognised J is the King.
- Let's listen- join in and sing if you like.
- What are the last 2 Easter eggs to look out for?
- Let's have reading 2, see if spot them. **Ring the bell.**
- **READING 2= v31-37.** Jesus is now dead- let's see what happens to him. **Ring the bell.**
- 2 things tell us what Jesus was doing for us on the cross.
- Next easter egg is no **broken bones.**
 - This is amazing.
 - Some of you will remember the Passover in book of Exodus.
 - God was going to send a destroying angel over Egypt to kill the firstborn of each family because of their wrongdoing.
 - But there was a way to escape
 - A substitute lamb could be killed instead.
 - It had to be a good lamb (without blemish).
 - Couldn't use manky dodgy one with a broken bone.
- Jews continued to kill a lamb and eat it in a special meal like we are having today not with lamb & herbs but bread and wine.
 - Now amazing thing. Not only did Jesus die of all weekends of the year **at Passover time**.
 - John shows us how Jesus is **like that lamb**.
 - When soldiers came to finish off men on cross they would **break legs**. This is very gruesome but it would speed up death.
 - When they came to Jesus didn't have to. None of his bones.
 - John's not telling us this because he's giving us like an Xray from the doctor.
 - That's important for us.
 - Jesus is washing us clean from our sin.
 - He's acting as the Passover lamb.
 - *"Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world". John 1:29.* Song from these words dur LS.
 - This is such wonderful news.
 - You may not think you have a problem but you do.
 - IF you live as King even if you turn back to true King in the future isn't he going to punish you for the rebellion in the past?
 - This King is the King of Love.
 - He dies in your place to remove the wrath of God that hangs over you.