

Do not forget

John 3:16,17

Good Friday

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¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

It's good to remember.
It helps us not to forget!

Hot cross buns all year round is a good thing.

We are reminded of the Cross of Christ.

We are reminded that we matter to God. Not condemned but loved.

Do not forget.

Bible Study Questions

Pray

Heavenly Father, give us faith to receive your word, understanding to know what it means, and the will to put it into practice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Read

John 3:16,17.

Questions:

1. Why did God send his Son Jesus Christ into the world? From these two verses I found reasons, Can you? Call me and tell me.
2. Remove the word "world" and add your name in place. Read the verses again using your name. Pause and think deeply on that. What is your response?

Pray

Heavenly Father, thank you for giving up your Son to the Cross for us. We are truly grateful. When I feel alone and of insignificance, remind me not to forget your great love for me and that I and my friendship with you matters to you.

Amen.

Do not hold on

John 20:1-18

Easter Sunday

John 20:9,17

⁹They still did not understand *from Scripture* that Jesus had to rise from the dead.

¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

What is the basis of belief?

Is it seeing Jesus? Holding on to him?

It wasn't seeing for the disciples or to hold on to for Mary but *trusting later God at his word*, when the Spirit of Jesus came after he ascended.

That only is the requirement for belief.

We don't need to have to see or hold on to.

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John 20:1-18.

Questions:

1. Despite seeing what they saw, what had they still not understood? (Read carefully verse 9; Compare with Luke 16:31) Is this the basis of your belief?
2. Realising Jesus is alive Mary is greatly relieved and wants to "hold on" to seeing Jesus, touching Jesus needing Jesus to stay. What do you think she is afraid of? Who has Jesus promised will be with her when he ascends? (See John 14:15-19) Does she need to be afraid? Do you?

Pray

Heavenly Father, we, who have not seen, but trust your word, believe that Jesus has risen from the dead and is with us by his Spirit always. We do not need to "hold on" to you as if, by not doing so, you would leave us. Thank you. **Amen.**