

Reflection for Wednesday

Sometimes we just get swept along. We don't have time to think, to make measured decisions after a period of thinking what we should do next. In a way, the last couple of weeks have been not dissimilar for some people. We are having to stay at home, and fill our time as best we can, each day looking to see how the situation in the UK and across the world is developing. We have no idea what life will be like in 6 weeks' time. It is very difficult, if not impossible, to make any medium-term plans. We are just being swept along by this extraordinary and sometimes frightening course of events, cause by a virus that medics still know relatively little about.

In Jesus' final week, that is very much the situation in which the disciples found themselves. It seems that, at the Last Supper, they really had no idea what Jesus meant when he was talking to them and equally little understanding of what was happening. Their total lack of comprehension is shown almost comically in their response to the exchange between Jesus and Judas, where Jesus says to him, "What you are about to do, do quickly", before Judas disappears into the night. The disciples, knowing that Judas was the 'treasurer' for their group, assumed he was either going off to buy provisions or to make a donation to the poor! They really had no idea.

Later, they understood. After the resurrection appearances, the coming of the Holy Spirit and time to look back and reflect on the whirlwind of events of this week leading up to the crucifixion, they gradually pieced it all together. But that was later.

Sometimes, people worry a lot about what they understand or do not understand about following Christ. They have a whole host of questions that need answering. The disciples' journey through Holy Week tells us that understanding may lag behind experience, and that this should not trouble us unduly. We won't have answers to all our questions until we meet him face to face. We will discover a lot of them between now and then. But for now, let's stay with him and walk with him, living the events of Holy Week and Easter and through that, and experiencing Jesus right now, right here.