

Reflection Monday Week 16 – 2021

Trusting and staying loyal in the face of the impossible is not easy. The Hebrews escaping the Egyptians wanted to give up and return. Only Moses, their leader, stood firm and fortunately they trusted him. Yet, Moses knew not what would happen – that is true trust. The gospel, however, proposes that we miss the obvious. Despite all that Jesus was doing, the help he was giving, the common sense of his teaching, the leaders failed (*or did not want*) to understand. Their minds were already made up and nothing would change them. Jesus realised that. Unfortunately, we are very good at missing the obvious. It needs a completely open heart, open to something new, ready to be surprised, and able to acknowledge one's ignorance.

One day a diver was enjoying the aquatic world 20 feet below sea level. He noticed a chap at the same depth he was, but he had on no scuba gear whatsoever. The diver went down another 20 ft, but the guy joined him a few moments later. The diver went down still another 25 feet, but soon, the same chap joined him. So, the confused diver took out a waterproof chalk-and-board, and wrote, "How on earth are you able to stay this deep without equipment?" The chap took the board and chalk, erased what the diver had written, and wrote, "I'm DROWNING, YOU NUTCASE!!!"

