

From the Headmaster's Desk

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

– Luke 23:34

Dear parents,

We have just celebrated Good Friday and Easter Sunday, the most important dates for most Christians, during which I always ponder on some of the last words spoken by Jesus while suffering his excruciating death on the Cross.

Among Jesus's last words, I have been most bewildered by his saying "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And for all these years, I have had difficulty reconciling what Jesus said about his tormentors. Jesus was surely forgiving, but did these people really not know what they were doing? Were they truly innocent of their evil acts?

First, did Jesus deserve punishment by death? Crucifixion was one of the most cruel methods of death penalty of the Romans and was generally executed on notorious criminals who had committed inexcusable crimes like murder and manslaughter. The convicted would be tied or nailed to a big wooden beam left hanging for as long as several days until the victim died of exhaustion or lack of oxygen supply. The slow and humiliating death served as a warning to other potential offenders of serious crimes.

Apparently, however, Jesus did not kill or hurt anyone. Even Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, couldn't charge any offences against Jesus and resolved to wash himself of the Jews' resolution to crucify him. When Jesus was crucified, above his head the Roman soldiers placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

So, why was being 'the king of the Jews' a crime punishable by death? In fact, when Jesus was arrested, he was tried by the chief priests who found Jesus blasphemous by claiming himself to be the Messiah, the Son of God. The Jewish conception of the Messiah was a powerful king who could deliver them from their subservience to Roman rule, so they could hardly believe the meek son of a modest carpenter could be their liberator though Jesus seemed to have miraculous powers to cast out demons and heal the sick during his three and a half year ministry.

In modern-day terms, Jesus posed an acute threat to 'national security' as he had stirred up a political storm while he was not leading a revolution against the Romans who could easily clamp it down as seen in the total destruction of Jerusalem and the Jewish temple in 70 A.D. during the First Jewish-Roman War that occurred less than 40 years after Jesus's death.

Did these culprits responsible for Jesus's death really not know what they were doing? In a way, they didn't. They didn't know Jesus was the Messiah, the King of kings or the Son of God. Neither did they know the kingdom Jesus was going to build through his death and resurrection wasn't earthly but heavenly. Yet, they would have known they were killing an innocent man as proclaimed by Pilate, the Roman governor. They would have known they were framing and killing a man of exemplary character. They would have known they were murdering a great teacher whose teachings pierced right into their dark hearts which simply wanted to protect their self-serving interests.

Unfortunately, the unfair trial and death of Jesus seems to be repeating even to this day with the perpetrators fully aware of what they are doing is immoral and criminal. I rest assured, however, that these villains will be rightly judged and punished, in this life or after death.

Yours sincerely,



Clive Chan

Stars of the Month

Chan Hiu Wai, Regina	IEK6A Sat 10:00-11:00
Chau Kai Sun, Michael	PTWR Sat 12:00-1:00
Cheung Hoi Kit, Jaden	PTWP1 Sat 12:00-1:00
Chin Yan Ting, Jinnie	IEK4B Sat 9:00-10:00
Choi Ho Chung, Ethan	IEK4B Sat 12:00-1:00
Choi Lok, Sabrina	IEK8A Tues 6:30-7:30
Chui Yat Hei, Hayden	PTWE2 Sat 10:00-11:00
Chung Cheuk Yat, Travis	IEKKB Tues 4:30-5:30
Fung Leong Ching, Karson	WTE4B Sat 11:00-12:00
Ho Cheuk Wing, Wins	WTE4A Wed 4:30-5:30
Howe Shiu Him, Brayden	WTE1 Sat 11:00-12:00
Ip Pak Yu, Cyrus	IEK2A Thur 5:30-6:30
Ko Tin Chi, Ryan	IEK8A Sat 9:00-10:00
Kwok Ching Kiu, Bowen	IEK2A Sat 9:00-10:00
Lam Hiu Yan, Evana	PTWE2 Sat 4:00-5:00
Lau Huen Yu, Summy	WTE6B Sat 11:00-12:00
Leung Sin Yiu, Eunice	IEK4A Sat 11:00-12:00
Leung Wing Tung, Nicole	WTE6B Thur 6:30-7:30
Li Hoi Pang, Ocean	IEKKA Tues 5:30-6:30
Li Pak Shun, Morris	PTWR Mon 3:30-4:30
Liu Josh Wai-Chun	GWFF6A Fri 3:30-4:30
Liu Yi Qi, Yuki	IEKKB Sat 9:00-10:00
Lo Long Hei, Hayton	WTE8B Sat 10:00-11:00
Lui Hong Lam, Caitlyn	WTE2B Tues 4:30-5:30
Ng Cheuk Lam, Jolie	WTE4A Sat 11:00-12:00
Pang Cheuk Ling, Lilian	WTE8B Thur 4:30-5:30
Pow Sum Lok, Hannah	WTE2B Wed 5:30-6:30
Tse See Leong, Oscar	WTE4B Fri 4:30-5:30
Tsui Hei Tung, Aiden	GWFF2B Sat 2:00-3:00
Wan Sum Yau, Ankie	PTW2 Sat 9:00-10:00
Wong Siu Fung, Jayden	WTE2B Sat 3:00-4:00
Yeung Angel	PTWE3 Sat 1:00-2:00
Yue Bao Lang, Jaylen	WTE2A Thur 4:30-5:30
Viseu Luis	GWFF4B Sat 3:00-4:00

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Happy Easter and hello spring!! April is the month of spring. It is also the month of Easter, which is a time where we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is a time where we celebrate that Jesus came back to life and he is alive again. Easter is also about colourful eggs called Easter eggs. Some people may wonder if there is any connection between Jesus and eggs. When a baby chick comes out of an egg, it is a new life and Jesus also came out of a tomb with a new life. After a gloomy cold winter, we also see new life in nature with flowers starting to bloom and butterflies coming out from their cocoons. These changes once again reminds me to be grateful for what life brings for me.

~Ms Josephine



Peter's Lucky Day
By Oskar Lam

Moon City praised Peter Poon today for helping his neighbour. He received the Good Neighbour Award in the ceremony today at City Hall.

Last Monday was not going very well for Peter; it was his birthday but he was sick. It took him three days to become better. On Thursday, Peter was on his way toward the supermarket. In the middle of his journey, he saw a boy crying and holding a piece of paper, which said "Could you help me find my family's home?" When he saw it, he hurried to the boy and asked, "Do you know your father's phone number?" The boy said "Yes!" He took out his phone, and dialled the boy's father's phone number and asked where his home was.


When he knew where it was, he took the boy back to the boy's home. When Julia, the boy's mother saw the boy, she thanked him again and again.

Spring

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Find the following words in the puzzle
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘.

BLOSSOM BUDS CROCUS DAFFOIL FLOWER GARDEN GREEN	GROW LILACS MELTING PUDDLE RAIN RAINBOW ROBIN SEASON	SEEDS SHOWERS SUN SUNSHINE UMBRELLA WARM WEATHER
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Easter Bunny Maze

Help the Easter Bunny find his way to your house.



Other Writers of the Month

- Adrian Fong (WTE6B) – The Best Alarm Clock
- Ernest Lo (WTE2A) – Training A Dog
- Hailey Tai (WTE4A) – Police Inspector Giving Out Litter Fines