



The Way of the Cross

A journey from the Gethsemane to Golgotha through the eyes of Geoffery Bull and his own reflection on being a prisoner when his life was at risk.

There is a Green Hill Far away. Kings College

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0ybUpLn8M>

<https://youtu.be/hoYMI1TYMU8>

When we visited the Holy Land 4 years ago, we spent some time in Jerusalem and we were taken to various significant places including Gethsemane and Golgotha. Inevitably there is some doubt that where we were taken was exactly the place where the Easter drama was played out, but that did not matter, there was sufficient authenticity for you to be able to connect with the gospel story of the passion and to somehow place yourself into the story. It was an unforgettable experience and will last a lifetime.

Another man who managed to place himself into the story of the crucifixion was Geoffery Bull. He was a Christian missionary in Tibet and was captured by the Red army and imprisoned. After his eventual release he reflected on his time in jail, the tortures and the constant threat of death. Through his experiences he tried to imagine how Jesus must have felt, innocent, yet condemned by a society that could not and would not accept, either his teaching, or who He claimed to be. Geoffery's writing is both profound and moving and in sharing some of it with you I hope it may prompt all of us to truly understand what Jesus meant when He said, "Take up your cross and follow me"

I am going to read extracts from his journal and play some songs and hymns as well, to help us with his narrative, a sort of Good Friday Jackanory, but with the profoundest of spiritual depth. You might just like to sit quietly, eyes closed and listen as I read, whatever works best for you as we share this time together.

So we pick up the story as the disciples finish the last supper and the narrative moves towards Gethsemane and the hymn **Go to dark Gethsemane** points us towards our eventual destination.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o09BML-whLA&t=103s>

Jesus is betrayed

Narrative 2 <https://youtu.be/raWOA2UoS0s>

Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sz7UICFortc&list=TLPQMTAwNDIwMjAa1CcttBJBmA&index=10>

Jesus before the Sanhedrin

Narrative 3 <https://youtu.be/8L4z6DvEZrl>

Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7gZ4uE3seHM>



Jesus carries his cross to the hill

Narrative 4 <https://youtu.be/KSpE-ov3WRE>

Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KPV-pl4pcOg>

Hymn When I survey the Wondrous Cross

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9EikGeNuoBA>

The Crucifixion and death of Jesus

Narrative 5 <https://youtu.be/aUFwKa0jAis>

Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nvtaAYJ-HI8>

Song Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ebFji3n0cCA>



Eddie Askew reflects.

<https://youtu.be/sEzFGI-eGxY>



Above all Powers , Michael W Smith
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ChtSMj7QVno>

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Join us for our Easter Communion on Sunday, about 11.00 am