

Passiontide: Looking forward to...  
'the Good News of Easter'



**Jeremiah:** Old covenant to New covenant

**John:** Jesus predicts his own death

**Hebrews:** Jesus the Great High Priest

# Looking forward to Easter



Three Pieces of Good News!

And...

A challenge from Jesus

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## Three Pieces of Good News!

No 1:

Our hearts and minds changed to desire the things of God

*'I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts'*

*Jeremiah 31:33*

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No 2:

The covenant is expanded to include you

*‘when I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself’*

*John. 12:32*

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No 3:

Jesus is our high priest forever and forgives our sins

*'You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek'*

*Hebrews 5:v 6*

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## Who was Melchizedek?

- Mentioned in 3 books of the bible (spans over 2000 years!)
- King of Salem – ‘King of Peace’
- Name Means – ‘King of Righteousness’
- No recorded genealogy
- Both royal and everlasting!

Note: Very different from Aaron’s priesthood!

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Note:

The old rituals have gone - but we still need to come before our loving Heavenly Father in repentance

**'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness'**

1 John 1:9

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## Three Pieces of Good News!

Summary:

No 1: Hearts and minds changed

No 2: Covenant expanded

No 3: Jesus our Great High Priest forgives our sins



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Good News.. But, also a challenge:

- Jesus learned obedience through suffering (Heb.5:8)
- It was Jesus suffering that has set us free from sin (Heb.5:8)
- Whoever serves me must follow me (Jn. 12.26)
- If you love me, you will keep my commandments (Jn.14:15)

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Good News.. But, also a challenge:

As we walk towards Easter, can we do two things?

- Remember **Jesus' obedience** and the Good News it brings
- Ask God where he wants **our obedience**