## **WEEKLY SERMON**

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## What is good about 'Good Friday'

What is good about 'Good Friday', I hear you say.

Good Friday was a day when Jesus was taken from us in the harshest of ways; a lamb to the slaughter. A down day for sure, but let's quickly remember that it was also a day that highlighted Jesus' coming to rescue the world He had a hand in making. Good Friday brought in the done deal that wrongs could now be righted with the crucifixion of Jesus Christ to herald in His death and rising again.

Good Friday is good for it points us towards Easter Sunday. We have in the build-up immersed ourselves in the Passion of Christ, and now His death with Easter Sunday looming, we see the steps that God, through Jesus took to make sure all were included. We are reminded that God knows every hair on our heads and views us as being worth more than gold. Jesus' tenuous steps towards the Cross was for each and every one of us; with no negative exclusion in sight.

The selfless act of sacrifice He had to make to bring us into the heavenly fold is there for all to see. We are open to acknowledge that we are all adopted children of God through Jesus dying and rising again having conquered sin, where negative exclusion can be put under that bracket. The Holy Cross points us to a world redeemed, a world saved and a world back in the hands of God.

As a member of the Blackburn Diocese Mosamaria Trust Fund I and all trustees and members point all towards taking into consideration the Mosamaria AIDS Ministry in the Free State, South Africa. This is where orphans and vulnerable children cry out to be included and not excluded from funding opportunities to allow the service/project they tap into to continue for their good, be it for their health, education, food or clothing.

It is very much needed for these children and families to be included in our giving when giving is needed through funds, prayers and actually getting involved to be more hands on to raise awareness.

Please take a look at (<u>www.mosamaria.co.za</u>) to see where this charity can be included in days ahead.

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