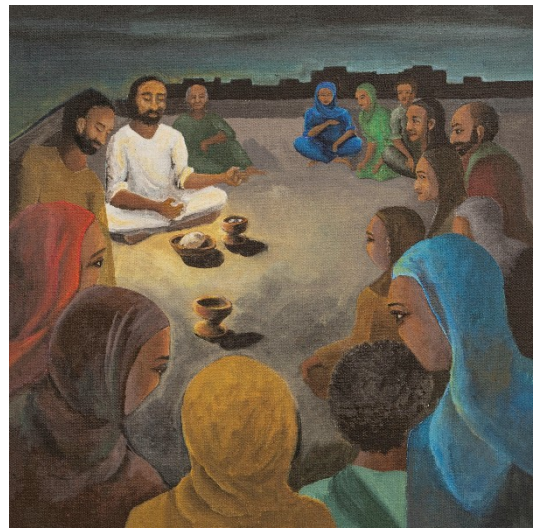


St Thomas Church, Lent 2024

## Women of Holy Week: an Easter Journey

### 3 Joanna's Story



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A woman called Joanna is named twice in Luke's Gospel: once in Luke 8:3 and once in Luke 24:10. Apart from this we know little about her, though the nature of these references suggest that she was a disciple of Jesus. In his book *Gospel Women*, Richard Bauckham argues that she is also the apostle Junia, to whom Paul refers in Romans 16:7.

Listen to Joanna's Story, either read aloud from the book, or read by Paula Gooder from the link [here](#).

### Discussion

The following questions may help to guide the discussion:

- What most struck you about Joanna's story?
- Was there anything in the story that surprised you or puzzled you?
- Was there an aspect of the story that you particularly relate to?

### Look up Luke 8:3 and 24:10. Then read Mark 14:12-25

- What do the 2 references to Joanna in Luke's Gospel imply about her role and the role of other women as disciples of Jesus?
- Jesus seemed to know someone in Jerusalem well enough to 'pre-book' a guest room. Do you have any reflections on how he did this? (Hint: there are no right answers to this – it asks you to use your imagination!)
- What do you imagine the Last Supper was like? What do you think the first disciples who were there thought was going on?
- Do you think the disciples had any idea of what was about to happen at this point?
- What have you gained from thinking about this story from a different perspective?
- What new insights are you going to take with you for your Lent journey?