

St Thomas Church, Lent 2024

Women of Holy Week: an Easter Journey

5 Salome's Story

The name 'Salome' is associated with the daughter of Herodias (Mark 6:21-29), but the girl is never called that in the Gospel accounts.

There is a 'Salome' mentioned by Mark in Mark 15:40 and 16:1 as one of the group of women who were there at the crucifixion and then later at the resurrection. She was perhaps not as widely known as Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joses, who are mentioned in several places in Matthew, Mark and Luke.



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Listen to Salome'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 Salome'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?

Read Mark 15:1-41 and John 19:17-37, and look up Mark 16:1

- Why do you think that the women who had followed Jesus felt able to go to the crucifixion when the men did not?
- John's Gospel makes much of Jesus handing his mother into the care of the beloved disciple. Why do you think this is? (There are various ways you might answer this).
- What are the benefits of having different accounts of the crucifixion with different nuances, rather than one single account repeated?
- What difference does it make to know that a group of women were there at Jesus' crucifixion?
- What new insights are you going to take with you for your Lent journey?