



GOOD FRIDAY 2020

Each year that I reflect on and preach on the Good Friday Passion there are different insights that I find, this year there are 3 more!

The 1'st was when Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane and when asked by a leading soldier if he was Jesus of Nazareth he simply said; "*I am he*". The reaction he received from all of the soldiers was amazing it was as if they fell back in reverse gear! They knew that before them was someone truly extraordinary.

The 2'nd insight was when Jesus was arrested and the apostle Peter was asked if he knew him and denied knowing him it revealed to me that one indiscretion in life need not define anyone for the rest of their life. Peter did make a mistake but he more than recovered over time to become a truly great saint of the Church.

The 3'rd insight comes from the reaction of Pontius Pilate in sentencing Jesus he would have been emotionally traumatized for the rest of his life. The message here is that, if anyone defies truth it often has a way of unsettling them, truth is there to be abided by and never defied!

There is so much depth that we can still find in John's Passion on Good Friday. *Fr Martin R Maunsell*