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Easter 5 Year A, May 3rd 2026

Presenter: Stephen White

Focus Reading: John 14: 1-14

Message: 8 minutes 15 seconds

"Jesus is our Sat Nav"

Discussion Starters

1. What did you find the most surprising idea in this message?
2. Describe how you have experienced Jesus leading you in your life and ministry?
3. How can/does your congregation help lead people to know God?
4. What are the primary ways your community shows God's love?

Readings for this day

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16 A song of lament, this psalm rehearses the elements of lament often overlooked - prayer, trust, praise.

Acts 7:55-60 We hear the story of Stephen, but even in the stoning pit Stephen remains faithful and sees *Jesus standing* for him at God's right hand.

1 Peter 2:2-10 Stoning is different here to the story above. Christ is the living stone, the cornerstone on whom life is built. The stone that brings life and light.

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Intergenerational Talk

"You are Special"

Stephen White **Length:** 4 minutes 40 seconds

Precis of IT

Reaching out into new experiences is not always easy. The disciples were sent to new places after Jesus' death and they wrote letters of encouragement to other places. Peter told them they were God's special people and they were chosen to follow him. No matter age, what we do, or where we are, we are special to God.

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16 – pages 268-270

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