

Monday 20th April years 4 and 5 and 6 R.E.

To give personal response to religious statement/question

To end our festivals focus, think carefully about Jesus fulfilling the prophesy that he was the son of God and his resurrection on the 3rd day.

Jesus was a Jew and in his lifetime a woman's place was thought to be in the home. Women were seen to be responsible for having children, bringing them up and looking after the house. They were often married at a young age and under the protection and authority of a man (father/husband/male relative). Jewish men were not supposed to greet women in public. Any money a woman earned, belonged to her husband. Women were not allowed to bear witness in religious court.

The whole of Christianity rests on Jesus being resurrected on the 3rd day to prove that He was the son of God and that he died so that the sins of the world could be forgiven and yet the first person that he showed himself to was a woman: Mary Magdalene (one of his loyal followers). Why? What message do you think Jesus may have been passing on? Or do you think that it was just a coincidence that the first witness to the resurrection was a woman?

Write down your responses and explain your reasoning.