

Living legacy

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses comes to the end of his life. He sees the Promised Land, but he is not going to enter it. It is time to hand over the next stage of the Israelites' journey to someone else, but God is pleased with Moses. He is remembered for being an amazing man of God.

Read this week's passage:



Living Scripture

'Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face.' Deuteronomy 34:10

Reading about Moses, you get the impression that the people didn't really appreciate what he was doing for them when he was with them. He went up mountains to represent the people before God. He spent time with God. He showed the people what God wanted them to do and went on ahead to lead them. Any of this ring any bells? Maybe another prophet arose in Israel after all – one not just for Israel but the whole world.

Maybe we could reflect on the words of 'Big Yellow Taxi' by Joni Mitchell – 'You don't know what you've got till it's gone' – and appreciate the people around us and what they do for us, and show them that we appreciate them, while we have the chance.



First impressions

- What strikes you about this image?
- What is Moses' legacy? How has his story impacted your life?
- What would you like your faith legacy to be? What would you like to pass on?



Pray

Faithful God,
we praise you: for Moses' legacy of the law
and for Jesus' legacy of love;
for calling us to pass on the baton of our faith;
for promises fulfilled and for lives transformed;
for the ministry of the Church today.
We praise you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.



Remember

Think of people who have been your teachers in life and faith. You could write down a short recollection for a time when each of them helped you as a way to remember their legacy.

ACT



Some people leave 'active' legacies: their actions continue to impact generations long after they die, e.g. the suffragettes. But today we also recognise how climate change can leave a negative 'active' legacy for future generations. What could you do to leave a positive active legacy?

Write

Think about what you would like to leave behind. Write yourself a "report card" to help with this and to set goals going forward – what you have done, achieved and enjoyed, as well as what you could do better at.

LOOK

Look up the West window from Norwich Cathedral which shows passages from the life of Moses linked with passages from the life of Jesus. How does this show Jesus completing and fulfilling what Moses began?

