

**More on Jesus Christ Superstar from
Sheila and others**

These were the opening words of my sermon on the morning of February 20th...

"It will be a long time, indeed, if ever, before I forget the poignancy of the final scene of the production of Jesus Christ Superstar that we have just been privileged to host in this church for the last few days. To see Jesus taken from the cross and carried slowly down the aisle was moving indeed. The end? Not so ... a glimpse to the west door revealed a bright light into which the body of Jesus was carried, towards the sure and certain hope of resurrection."

And the words of summing up...

"The body moved down the aisle in the dark, but at the end of its journey, there was light. And there in the light of the resurrection, Jesus was reunited with his Father to begin a new life in the place that was promised to him."

As people were leaving at the end of the service, it became very clear that others had also been visibly moved by the powerful piece of drama. By way of a tribute to Kathryn Beeken, the Producer & Director, and her whole team, I share some of the comments made at the church door only hours after the set had been dismantled and with the songs still ringing in our ears.

"People just sat, silently at the end, unable to converse, unwilling to move from their seats, so powerful was the impact."

"I've seen this show on many occasions before but none of them have been as moving as this one."

"People were reaching out to touch the arms of Jesus as his lifeless form was carried down the aisle."

"After seeing that, I'm no longer afraid of dying."

"The lights, the special effects – who could have thought it possible in our church."

"There was such a sense of a united team working together to produce this offering. It underlined the message of the drama."

"I wanted to come back and watch it again...and again.. and again."

These are just a few of the comments. There were many more in the same vein.

Thank you, Kathryn, and your whole team, for all your hard work, your dedication and most of all for your vision in helping us to relive the story of Jesus Christ, crucified, alive and risen.

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