

Sermon 1st October 2023

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Of refusing to respond to what they saw

Of refusing to act upon the evidence

Jesus preforms miracles

Changes the lives of those he meets

Teaches with a wisdom rarely heard

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Does this apply to you

Do you keep your political alliances based upon core beliefs and thus discount the evidence

Do you asses your physical health based upon what you wish to avoid, and ignore the evidence of your body

Do you excuse your lack of exercise based upon what you accept and discount the evidence of what you are capable of.

Do you refuse to look in case you may see evidence of moral obligation

Do you find reasons to suit your disposition and thus discount the evidence

Do you accept the comfortable

The status quo

The boring but manageable

In order to camouflage the evidence

Yes you do

We all do

In order to survive

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As people of faith we need the humility of faith

We also need the courage of faith

In the day to day detail of life we live by accepted notions of what is valid and what is not

But in faith

In Church we are called upon to be more than the blind Scribes and Pharisees

To think and pray

To see and act

To step out of our comfort zone

And struggle with the evidence.