

Chat with the Children

- Can you think of occasions when good consequences can come from bad or painful stuff happening or being gone through?
- Training -> fitness
- Vegetables -> health
- Operation -> walking...

Penicillin Discovery

- *Who likes tidying their rooms?*
- Fleming was a researcher. He was well-known, but untidy! On 3 September 1928, Fleming returned to his laboratory having spent August on holiday with his family. Before leaving, he had stacked some things he was working on on a bench in a corner of his laboratory. On returning, Fleming noticed that one culture was contaminated with a fungus, and that the colonies of staphylococci that had immediately surrounded it had been destroyed, whereas other colonies farther away were normal.
 - this was penicillin, the first antibiotic - an accidental discovery that saved millions of lives...
 - untidiness (bad) discovered penicillin (good!)

Jesus suffering & dying

- Something seemed to go wrong, horrible, agonies...
 - but through it and from it God brought the most amazing good...

Introduction

- Narrative intro to where we are in the week, after the last supper, picking out the dynamics of Judas' betrayal

Fully human

- Wanting companionship and support in time of trouble and distress

Fully engaged with his Father

- That's where he goes with his trouble
 - indeed, testimony of the whole of the gospels is that he **is** divine, the Son of the Father

Fully obedient

It really cost him

- distressed, troubled, overwhelmed with sorrow to point of death....
- wanted to avoid what was coming

What did he want taken from him?

- cup - wrath - eg Isaiah 51, or in Jeremiah 25:15: "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, said to me: 'Take from my hand this cup filled with the wine of my wrath and make all the nations to whom I send you drink it.'"

- This is what **we** deserve!