

- *Family service*

Recognition

- How good are you at recognising people?
– who is this? ([Colin/Agnes pic](#))
- Guess who people are from descriptions...

Sean Connery

- From Edinburgh
- Used to deliver milk as a youngster
- From Tollcross area of Edinburgh
- Its a man
- Actor
- Played "Marko Ramius" in "The Hunt for Red October"
- Used to play James Bond!

Robbie Williams

- b. 13 February 1974, Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, England
- A founding member of boy band "Take That"
- Singles include "Angels", and "Millenium" which entered the UK chart at number one back in 1998, and "Let Me Entertain You"
- Here's his picture!! ([show picture!](#))

Gordon Brown

- Born 20 February 1951
- Was a lecturer and then a journalist before entering his current profession
- Got married shortly before his 50th birthday, and now has two children
- He nearly lost his sight playing rugby at school, and is now blind in his left eye
- His father was a Church of Scotland minister
- He is MP for Dunfermline East
- He was for many years the Chancellor of the Exchequer
- He is now the Prime Minister!

Jesus

- Born as a baby, mum & dad, younger brothers and sisters
- Ate meals with people, got tired, wept when a friend died
- Lived a long time ago
- Taught - "[as one with authority](#)"
- Was able to make people who were ill better (healings)
- Could control wind and waves (stilling of the storm)
- Hints about being God's promised one **Messiah** or **Christ**
- Now all of that comes to a culmination as Jesus approaches Jerusalem

– the crowds are asking, "Who is he?"

- And this parade into Jerusalem is part of that dawning recognition!
 - he **is** the promised one, he **is** God's Son!
- *Offering...*
 - **nb visitors feel free to pass the plate...**

Celebration

- Ask for suggestions of ways to celebrate:
 - parties etc
- Give out word-search...
- This was a celebration of Jesus' identity:
 - recognition spilling into celebration...
 - something of the atmosphere, something of the donkey (not a horse), the fulfilment of prophecy... cloaks as a recognition of fealty...
- But **it was also a challenge**, for not everyone was happy to so recognise Jesus
 - many people had built their lives round all sorts of other values and priorities
 - **the Jewish religious leaders, for instance, had power and influence and felt they were upholding their people's traditions**
 - how would they react to a crowd claiming Jesus was the fulfilment of all their traditions, the one who should by rights have top place, and their allegiance?

Challenge

- As we come towards the celebration of Easter, with its eggs and its bunnies and joys of Spring...
 - we also need to face the challenge that this celebration presents
 - who is Jesus?
 - if he is God's Son, the promised one, what are we doing about that?
 - if we don't think he is that, then who do we think he is?
- *Follow-up from last Friday and this morning on Wednesday evenings, 7pm-8pm in the church over the next few weeks*