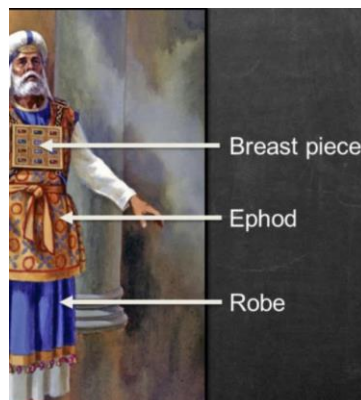


The Women of Easter – Week 6

Scripture is beginning to be fulfilled for Mary that a sword will pierce her own soul. Our journey changes from the celebration of Jesus arriving in Jerusalem to a coming crucifixion.

We meet our Biblical sister Prophetess Anna, who dedicated her life to serving at the temple 'worshipping day and night, fasting and praying'. God had an important role for Anna, including seeing the Messiah. If we look closely at Anna, she lets us know that we are never too old to be used by God. If we only used a portion of our time like Anna our lives would be so different.

Oh no!!!!...we find Caiaphas throwing a fit (unfit for a high priest)! He is so upset that Jesus has the audacity to proclaim that He is the son of God and will one day return in all power...He **TEARS HIS ROBE!** This was no **wardROBE** malfunction...as a high priest, he clearly knew his actions were disobedient to God...and his actions ushered in Jesus as the true High Priest forever.



The shouts prevailed 'Crucify him, crucify him'...the 'crowd' wanted Barabbas released. Mark 15:15 tells us that 'wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them'. Isn't that what our nation is facing today...the 'crowd' wants to avoid facing sin and doing things that glorify God...and many of our own leaders do what makes the 'crowd' happy.

Our society is focused on recycling and not wasting anything...yet, our culture wastes the blood of the covenant (communion cup) daily. Thankfully, Jesus cup of salvation never runs out, nor does His love for us.