



# Facing death

John 20:24-29

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Slides and notes from the 10:00am  
service

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## **Facing Death**

“It’s a fear strong enough to compel us to force kale down our throats, run sweatily on a treadmill at 7am on a Monday morning, and [expose ourselves] to a stranger with cold hands and a white coat if we feel something’s a little off.”

(Guardian, 2020)



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“Most of us, most of the time, are encouraged by what passes as normality to live in a counterfeit eternity. We imagine that life will go on and death is something that happens to others. Death is reduced to a mere social inconvenience.”

Simon Critchely (NYT, 2020)



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“He who has learned how to die has unlearned how to be a slave.”

Michel de Montaigne



## **Questions for Reflection**

- **Do you identify more with an outright fear of death, or a reluctance to face up to it at all?**
- **How does that influence the decisions you make, the way you live, even the way you feel?**



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- **What do you make of these claims about Jesus' resurrection?**
- **If true, how do they transform our relationship with and attitude to death?**