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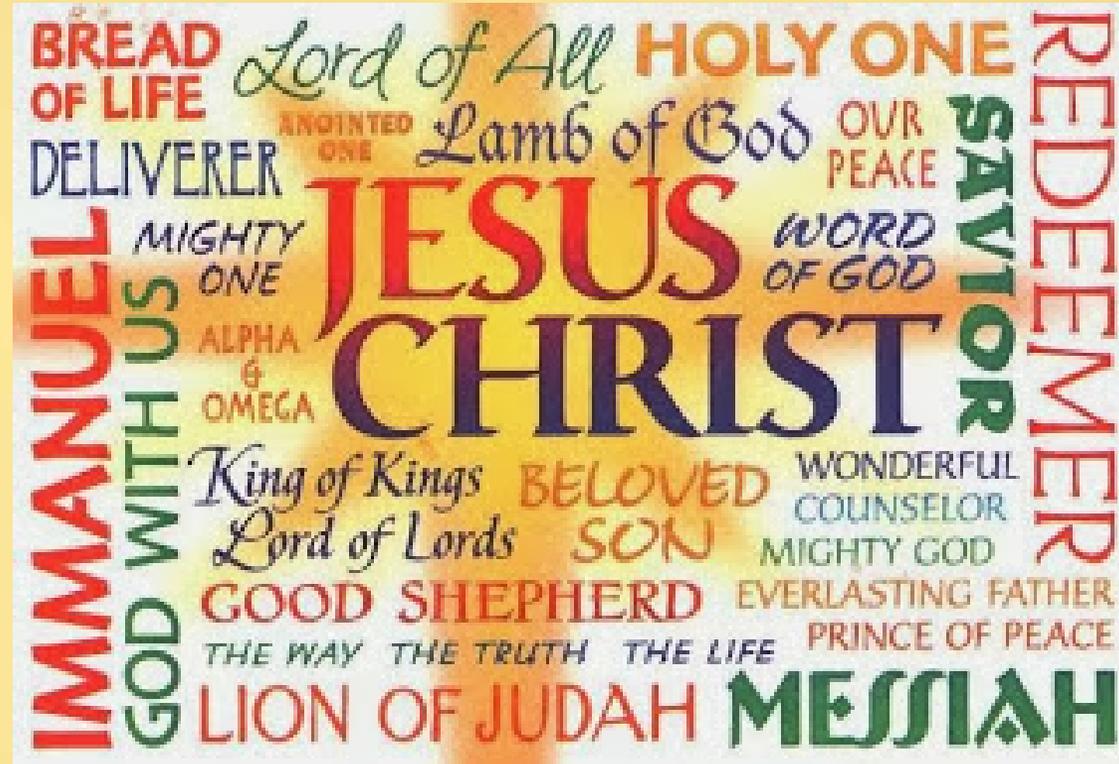
Sunday 10th May
2020

JESUS
THE WAY
THE TRUTH

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Worship Songs

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[At The Name of Jesus](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OI2rKRCWmOU>

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[My Jesus My Saviour](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y78aKBa917I)

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JESUS

THE TRUTH

Bible reading John 14:1-14 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus comforts his Disciples

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Bible reading John 14 1-14

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[To God be the Glory](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TD_9P9DB4pw)

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Thought for Today

Acts 2:42-end

Click here to see a video recording of Jill's thoughts

<https://stjamesroundsgreen.files.wordpress.com/2020/05/sunday-10th-jill-macdonald.mp4>

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Thought for Today

SUNDAY 3 MAY 2020

By Jill Macdonald

John 14v1-14

There have been times in our Bible study sessions when those of us attending have had to grapple together to find the meaning behind the verses we are studying.

Do you sometimes find it's hard to get your head around certain bits of scripture?

Well, if you do, you're in good company.....because in our Gospel reading for today the disciples were having that exact same problem: getting their heads around what Jesus was saying!

In some Bibles this passage is headed 'Jesus comforts his disciples': but from the questions Thomas and Philip asked him they seemed more perplexed than comforted!

And one of the things that has continually perplexed generations over the centuries is death.....and what, if anything, comes after it.

The comfort Jesus gives here is the answer to that conundrum.

He's telling us that there is eternal life (in other words life after death) for everyone and anyone who puts their trust in him.

THE TRUTH



Thought for Today

John 14 v1-14

So, knowing that, I just cannot believe that he will prepare some shoddy, shabby, hovel for us.

When you love somebody, you want to give them the best. There can be no denying Jesus' love for us: it took him to the cross.

And if creation gives us an idea of his standards then we're definitely going to have the 'wow' factor experience when he shows us the preparations he's made specifically for each one of us.

But, unbelievably, while that in itself is amazing, there's more amazement to behold! God's lavish generosity and care for us constantly overflows.

Because Jesus promises to come back for us when our time here is over.

You see, he wants to make absolutely certain that we don't lose our way.

Why not?

He tells us clearly in verse 3: he says that he wants us to be with him. He loves us.

We all want to be with those we love: that's why this time of lockdown is so hard because that's often exactly where we can't be!

Thought for Today

John 14 v1-14

In other words, being at church and hearing God's word through the preacher should have an impact on our lives.....which won't happen if we switch off during the sermon!!

The believers devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching.

For us, living in a world which clamours for our attention to be focused on a myriad of different things, the challenge will always be 'how much of our attention / thinking / behaviour / attitude is devoted to Jesus first and foremost?'

Now I'm certainly not saying that we shouldn't be devoted to our families and loved ones, or our jobs, or our interests and hobbies. All these are very important parts of our lives and will definitely need our attention to some extent or another. To neglect or ignore these areas would be detrimental to our well being and that of others.

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John 14 v1-14

Of course, when Jesus was speaking to the disciples it was in the time before his death, resurrection and ascension into heaven; so, maybe it's understandable that the disciples 'didn't get it'! Just like so many people who don't know Jesus now 'don't get it'!

But we do know Jesus.

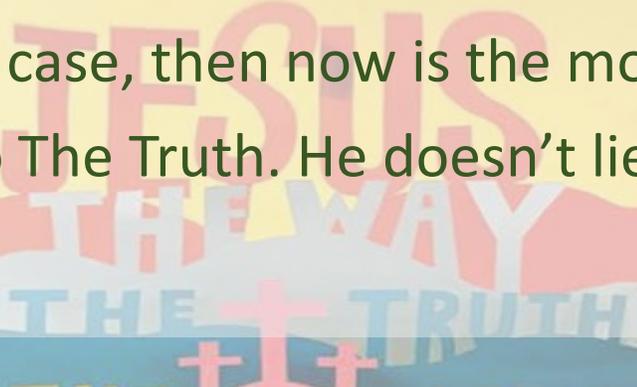
We have chosen him as The Way.

So, although the details of eternity are unknown, our eternal life with Jesus is secure: and the more we grow to trust Jesus the more certain we become of that promised eternal life.

If we aren't certain we need to ask ourselves why we aren't. Could it be that, deep down, there is an unwillingness to believe that it could possibly be true?

If that's the case, then now is the moment to give us all a Reminder Alert!

Jesus is also The Truth. He doesn't lie.



Thought for Today

John 14v1-14

The other reading for today is the end of Acts 7 where the stoning of Stephen is described. His time on earth was over and his death was horrific: but, then, in the moment of death Jesus comforted him and showed him the Way.

How?

Stephen saw heaven opened to reveal Jesus standing at the right hand of God welcoming him home.

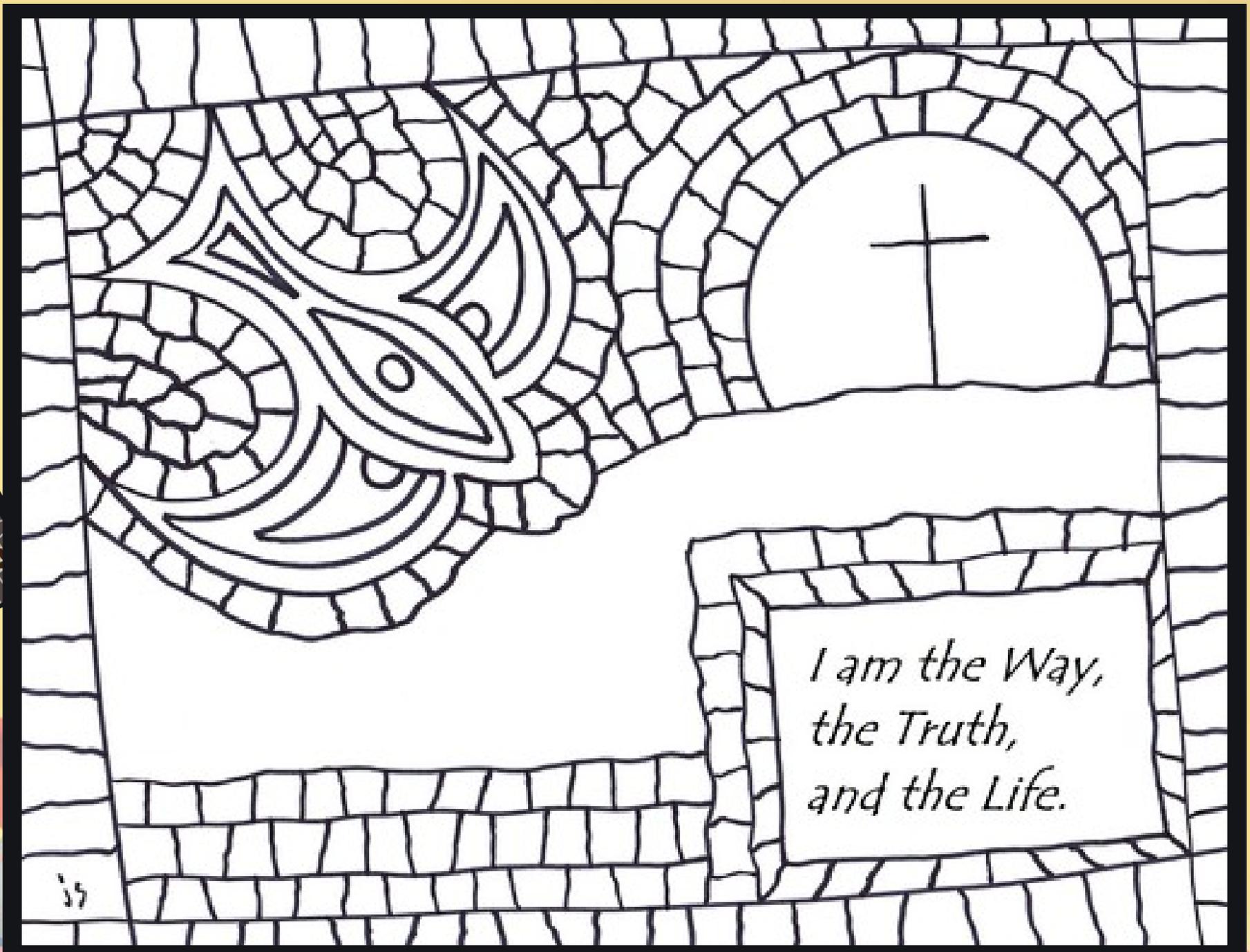
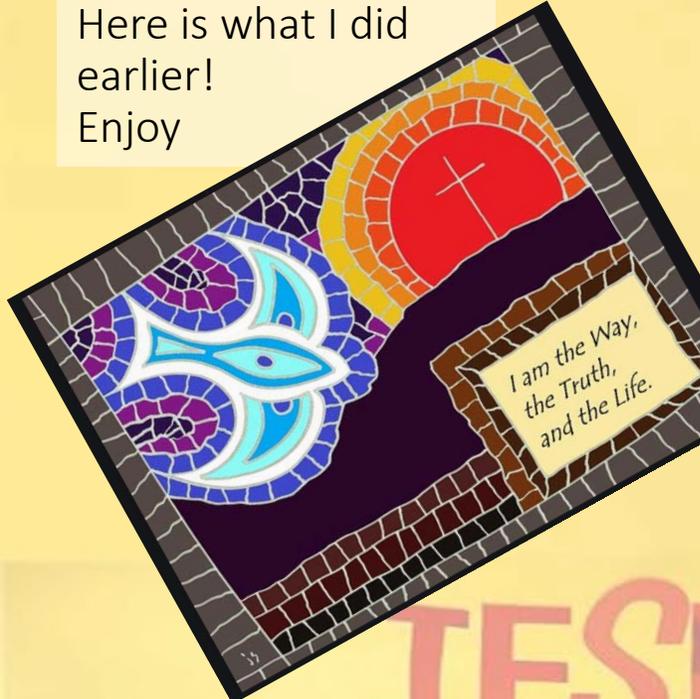
And that welcome is for us too: it's a very good reason to rejoice.....in or out of the lockdown!



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Sunday Activity

Print out and colour in
Here is what I did earlier!
Enjoy



Prayers

Intercessions for Easter 5 (10.05.20)

Risen Lord, fill our hearts with Easter joy.

Lord, our Way, our Truth, our Life, in you the mystery of eternity is opened and we are able to behold your glory.

Inspire your Church with this vision and build it into a spiritual house for you.

We continue to pray for all church leaders that they will be secure in their own eternal life with you, so that they can be used by you to draw others into the wonderful security of knowing that they too will be safe with you once their time on earth is over.

We greatly desire that your Kingdom will be extended both here on earth and in heaven and so we pray that all those you are calling into the Kingdom at this time will heed your call and come. We gather together in this prayer people living on Lion Farm as well as our family and friends.

Give us grace to grow into salvation.

Lord in your mercy – Hear our prayer

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Prayers

Lord, our Way, our Truth, our Life, you alone can cast out fear so that, trusting in you, all people can find joy whatever their circumstances.

Expand the vision of all political leaders to embrace respect and dignity for all under their governance.

We bring before you all the governments around the world as they seek the right and safe way to bring an end to the lockdowns and bring about the start up of economies. We especially remember today all those who have lost their livelihoods due to this pandemic and are weighed down with worry and anxiety as to how they will cope in the future. We ask that you will provide a way forward for them when they themselves can see no way.

Lord in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayer



Prayers

Lord, our Way, our Truth, our Life, we bring before you our community. For many here life was hard, and even hopeless, before coronavirus: now life for some will seem beyond tough, making them feel desperate.

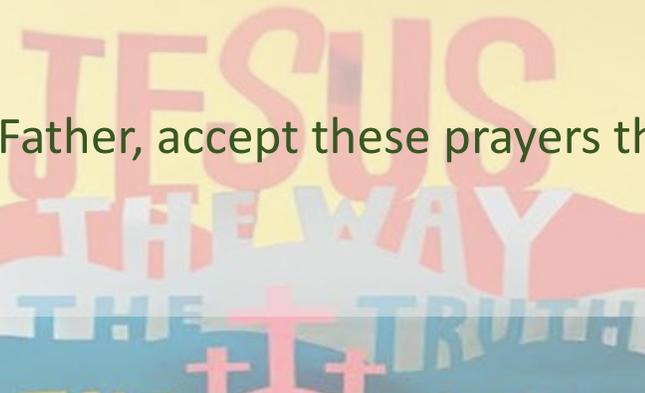
We especially bring before you families living in flats or accommodation without gardens: those who are frightened to go out at all even though they can for essential trips; those with mental health issues; those struggling with disabilities, either their own or concerning someone they care for; those so isolated that they haven't seen anyone properly for weeks; those at the end of their tether.

May you, Lord, bring hope and healing to all of us.

Have mercy Lord and give us all a compassion for others, eyes to see where there is greatest need, and a willingness to do our part in ministering your love to those around us.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers through our saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen



Worship Songs (An camp action one, especially for Ronnie and George make your own dance)

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GOD IS AWESOME



[Our God is an Awesome God](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZTfaIMhurEc)

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[Before the Throne Of God](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-50pFs0hRpg)

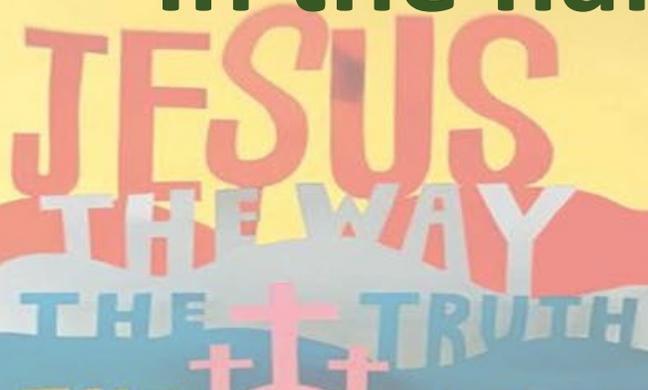
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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.



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New Songs - Some we have sung a few times and others are new to us

- Living Hope <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nyOJInn5SZI>
- Who You Say I Am https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcC1Bp13n_4
- While I Wait <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wkE-gEzTYJE>
- O Praise the Name <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqBpifDpNKc>
- Rescuer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7wCfHXgJbdg>
- Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxKLnySMbYM>
- Great Things <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4CY3nf1Mvw>
- Way Maker <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=29lxnsgOkmQ>
- Come To the Table <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXXxLwxfo0U>
- Good Good Father <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ak0OoFBw3c>
- What A Beautiful Name https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUBBlddm_rM
- Do It Again https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0B_InQlITxU

If you'd like to make a song suggestion message us on the Facebook page
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