

JOB

‘Birthday curses’

Job 2:11-3:26

- ‘I’m not supposed to feel like this’

THE LONELINESS OF SUFFERING (2:11-13)

- suffering is a lonely business ¹

➔ recognise this dimension to suffering

- the sufferer needs friends

➔ we need friends when we are suffering

➔ we need to be good friends to those who are suffering

➔ we need the ultimate lonely sufferer and friend

THE DARKNESS OF SUFFERING (3:1-26)

- a true believer may curse their birth (v1-10)

➔ don’t feel guilty for feeling like this

➔ don’t look down on those who feel like this

➔ beware a certain type of Christianity

- a true believer may long for death (v11-26)

➔ don’t take your own life, even though it’s not the unforgiveable sin

➔ it’s okay to ask ‘Why?’ questions

➔ look to the one who endured the deepest darkness for us

¹ 1 Samuel 23:16; Romans 12:15