

APRIL 2, 2023



# EASTER 2023

**PALM SUNDAY**

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# Welcome

to Christ Community Church



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### HOPE OUTREACH • TODAY AT 5 PM • PARKING LOT

Come join us in the parking lot! We will have jumpers for the kids, live music, games and giveaways. It is a great opportunity to reach out to our neighbors with the love of Christ.

### RESURRECTION WEEK EVENTS

4/5 | 6:30 PM • Last Supper Presentation

4/3-6 Prayer & Fasting

4/7 | 12:15 PM • Good Friday Service

Sanctuary open 12-1 pm

4/9 | 10 AM • Easter (Resurrection) Sunday

### MEGAFORCE WITH STEVE "THE STRONG MAN" CARRIER • APRIL 16 | 10 AM & 6 PM

Steve Carrier - the Guinness Book World-Record-holding strong man from Megaforce Ministries, will join us on Sunday, April 16, at our 10 AM Service, then host an event that evening at 6 PM where he will demonstrate his incredible feats of strength. Invite a friend!

### SEXUAL INTEGRITY 101 • TUESDAYS AT 6:30 PM • BOOK IS \$20 • STILL TIME TO PARTICIPATE

### CCC NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK • DODGERS @ PADRES • MAY 5TH • TICKETS \$55 »



### FOUNDATION COURSE • BEGINS 4/23 | 6 WEEKS • SUNDAYS AT 8:15 AM

### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT • SHOWING *PUSS IN BOOTS: THE LAST WISH* • FELLOWSHIP HALL • 4/12 @ 6:30 PM

### WONDER WOMEN ENCHILADA PLATE FUNDRAISER • APRIL 16 COURTYARD CARRY-OUT • PLATES \$10

### SELF CONFRONTATION COURSE • REACH BASEMENT • 4/21-23 & 4/29-30 • REGISTRATION \$40

### PARENTS NIGHT OUT • APRIL 20 | 6-8 PM • REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY 4/17 »



### MARRIAGE TUNE-UP CONFERENCE & LUNCHEON • 4/22 | 9AM - 1PM

Pastors (a.k.a. Master mechanics) Walter Colace, Chris Nunn, and Richard Moore will be the keynote speakers for this conference sponsored by Circles of Love. Doors open at 8:30 am in the EC Sanctuary; luncheon is included. Space is limited; registration is \$40.



**LUNCH IN THE WORD MEN'S STUDY • TUESDAYS AT NOON • FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**INTEGRITY 101 • TUESDAYS AT 6:30 PM • SMALL GROUP CLASSROOMS**

**IMPERIAL VALLEY SCHOOL OF MINISTRY • TUESDAYS 6:30 PM • FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**ROOTED YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (18-24) TUESDAYS AT 6:00 PM • REACH BASEMENT**

**REACH YOUTH GROUP (REACH BASEMENT 6 PM) & AWANA (FH 6:15 PM) • WEDNESDAYS**

**MIDWEEK GATHERING • WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM • MAIN SANCTUARY**

**JOY OF LIVING WOMEN'S STUDY • THURSDAYS AT 9:30-11:30 AM • FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**MOMS IN PRAYER • THURSDAYS 6-7 PM • PRESCHOOL ROOM 4**

**BETRAYAL & BEYOND WOMEN'S STUDY • THURSDAYS 6:30 PM • IV LIFE CENTER**

**KITCHEN WITH A MISSION • FRIDAYS AT 5:00 PM • FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**ONGOING**

# You will find the **SERMON & LIFEGROUP RESOURCES** **ON THE CCC MOBILE APP**

## Getting to Know You:

1. If you were asked to build a parade float that best represented your life and ride on it through town, what material would you choose, what props would you carry, and what symbols would be featured?
2. This is our week of prayer and fasting and the time we complete our series and look to Jesus' destination of the cross and His victory there over death. What transformation has this series made on you? How has it enriched your appreciation for the symbolism of the cross?

## Digging Deeper

1. Read Exodus 12:5-15 and consider how Jesus fulfilled this feast, then discuss the metaphoric ways we can apply the Passover and similar Old Testament symbolism to our lives today. Use 1 Peter 1:18-19, 1 Corinthians 5:6-8, and Hebrews 13:11-16 for inspiration in your discussion.
2. Jesus was God, but He was also fully man. Read Luke 9:51-53, Mark 8:31-33, and John 12:27 and compare it with John 12:27-33 and Luke 22:41-44, then discuss the tension between Jesus' determination to fulfill the will of God and the apprehension he felt. How could knowing Jesus struggled to accomplish God's calling encourage you in times of weakness?
3. Read the prophecies in Zechariah 9:9 and Isaiah 53:2-3 then compare them with Jesus' fulfillment in Luke 2:7, John 1:46, and Matthew 13:54-58. What do you believe God's purpose is for Jesus' first coming? What significance does this have for you?

## Taking it Home

1. How does the apparent conflict in Jesus' calling to the cross inspire you about your struggles to follow God's purpose for your life?
2. Read Hebrews 4:15-16 and consider the new depth and quality of a relationship we can experience with God on this side of the cross. How does it make you feel? What can you do to show your appreciation for what He has done?

## **SIGN UP FOR A LIFE GROUP TODAY!**

SIGN UP TODAY to join a **LIFE GROUP!** On the CCC Mobile App - or scan the QR code for a link:



# **PALM SUNDAY**    REVEALS JESUS AS...

**A MAN OF**

EXODUS 12:1-6

**A MAN OF**

MATTHEW 21:1

**A MAN OF**

MATTHEW 21: 2-6

**A MAN OF**

MATTHEW 21:7-8

**A MAN OF**

MATTHEW 21: 9-11

**A MAN OF**

LUKE 19:37-40

**A MAN OF**

LUKE 19:41-44

# THE CROSS



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April 2023

Week One

K-5th Grade

## Humility is putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve.

### DAY 1

#### Read Mark 9:35

This month is all about humility, putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve. We feel like having things our way, all the time! But Jesus tells us to do the opposite. We need to serve others before serving ourselves. To serve simply means to pay attention to the people around you and find ways to help.

Write out the words Jesus gave to his followers from today's verse in big block letters on a piece of paper. Decorate the page any way you'd like. Then cut the paper apart into four or five large pieces to create a puzzle. Shuffle the pieces into a stack. Ask a younger sibling or friend to put the puzzle together. Then read the verse aloud and tell them what it means to you.

### DAY 2

#### Read Mark 10:45

Jesus gathered His friends for their last supper and showed them how to serve by getting down on his hands and knees to wash their dirty feet. This act of service, something usually done by the lowest ranking servant in a home, painted a picture of how He wanted them to treat others. Jesus knew that in just a few hours, he would be arrested, tried, convicted, and sentenced to death. Right up until the very end of his time on earth, Jesus chose to serve. And by doing so, He set an example for His disciples and for all of us.

So how can YOU serve? In the space below, write down the names of three people you see most every day. Next to each name, write one way you can serve them this week. Then pray and ask Jesus to help you serve just as He served, with a good attitude and a willingness to put others first.

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# DEVOTIONS

DAY 3

## Read Romans 5:8

Jesus came to give us a forever relationship with God. He didn't wait for you to stop messing up or get your act together. He chose to love and forgive us. Jesus humbled himself so that we can be forgiven. Putting others first is a way to show Jesus how grateful we are for all He's done.

### Memorize This!

Write down each word from Romans 5:8 on separate scraps of paper. Lay them out in order and say the verse aloud. Remove two cards and repeat the verse. Continue in the same way, removing two cards each round, until you can say the verse from memory.

DAY 4

## Read John 15:13

No one loves you more than Jesus loves you. He proved His love for you on the cross. You don't have to earn His love. And once you accept His love, you cannot lose it. Understanding just how much you are loved should lead you to love the people around you. Following Jesus means we love others like He loves us.

When you choose humility, you choose to lay down or give up what you want. That could look like...

- Letting someone else pick the movie or TV show you watch.
- Holding the door to let a friend walk through first.
- Standing back so that others can get the first choice.
- Listening instead of interrupting.

This week, look for opportunities to lay down your life – to put others first – just as Jesus put you first.

Jesus put others first.

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**VOLUNTEER**

Several ministries are looking for help, including the Tech Team, AWANA, Kids Ministry, and KWAM.

**WHERE DO YOU FIT IN?**



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