

THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

events

Our kids in **Nursery and Kids' Church** are having a blast and are being pointed to Jesus. Parents, please sign-in each child at the back table on Sunday mornings.

Please join us as we celebrate **Communion** again this morning. Prepackaged wafer and juice are available on the back table.

The Way of the Cross —
March 28 - April 3. Brochures available at first station and guided audio is on our app.

Easter Egg Hunt will be held after the service on Easter Sunday. Donations appreciated - please contact Michelle.

Middle School Students:

Wednesdays 4:30-6pm

High School Students:

Saturdays 5-7pm

Ways to Give:

- Online securely on our website or app
- Giving box on Sundays
- Mail a check to church office during the week



SERMON NOTES:

Andrew Severinsen - Mark 14:43-15:15

Where we left off (in the Garden of Gethsemane — Mark 14:32-42): Mark wants us to see that for Jesus, going to the cross was unspeakably difficult.

Big Idea: As Jesus nears the cross, Mark wants us to see that there is nothing easy about this journey for Him. But Jesus takes this path no one else could travel, because He loves us.

- Betrayal and Arrest
- Jewish Trial
- Peter's denial x3
- Roman trial

GRACE GROUP Discussion Questions

Starter: What's the most difficult thing you've faced? Or is there a time when you've been treated unfairly? How were you tempted to respond? How did you respond?

Mark 14:43-15:15 — What does it say?

1. What details does Mark give to paint a picture of the betrayal and trial of Jesus in 14:43-65? What is the overall feeling he is trying to evoke by doing this?
2. How have the religious leaders typically engaged Jesus up to this point? How does that compare to the high priest's question to Jesus in verse 61?
3. What makes Jesus' answer in verse 62 significant compared to the rest of Mark's narrative when He has been asked questions? How does the context of His declaration further emphasize the change that is happening?
4. What is Jesus pointing to with His reference of Daniel 7:13 and Psalm 110 when responding to the high priest?
5. At Jesus's arrest, all the disciples fled (verse 50). Why does Mark come back to Peter to show his further abandonment of Jesus?
6. How would you describe the differences between Peter's first denial in verse 68 and the last denial in verse 71?
7. Looking at the text, what is the picture that Mark is painting for us of Pilate? Of the Jewish leaders? Of the crowd? And of Jesus?
8. In the first 14 chapters of Mark's gospel, the crowd has loved Jesus. What has changed? Who is left on Jesus's side?
9. If we look at our three categories of major players (the religious leaders, the disciples, and the crowd), is there anyone in that cast of characters who has not had a hand in Jesus' death?
10. Why is it significant that no one else is left to support Jesus?

Mark 14:43-15:15 — How does it apply to our lives today?

1. Why do you think Jesus chose to show the disciples, in the days leading to His death, that He knew exactly how these events would unfold — the betrayal, their scattering, and Peter's denial?
2. If you put yourself in the shoes of the disciples during this moment (the betrayal, arrest, and trial), can you relate? How so?
3. Like Peter, we will all stumble as we walk with Christ. How could we walk together in ways that helps us all walk forward with grace and faith?
4. What does it do for our hearts that Jesus knowingly and willingly endured the cross for us — while we were still His enemies (remember Ephesians 2)?
5. As we live to follow Jesus, do. We expect opposition? Are we shocked by it? Are we prepared for it?

Spend some time sharing and praying together.

Next Sunday, March 28th — Mark 15:16-47 & Communion