



THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

events

He Is Risen! Easter Service is next Sunday at **10am**. There will not be Children's Church, but after the service, we will have an **Easter Egg Hunt** for the kids and **cinnamon rolls and scones** for the adults.

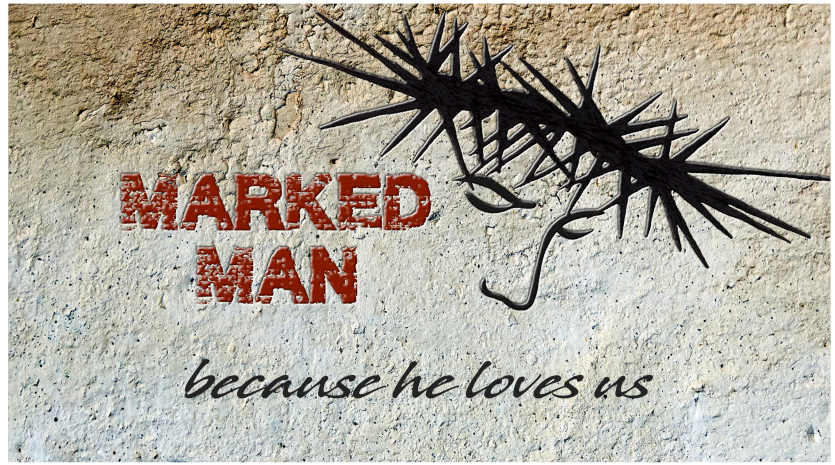
Please join us as we celebrate **Communion** for the next couple of **Sundays** leading to Easter. Prepackaged wafer and juice will be supplied, or you may bring your own.

If you would like to prepare for Easter, **The Way of the Cross** will be available between **March 28 and April 4**. We have a recorded audio tour available on our app.

Ladies, our **Spring Bible Study** begins this week on **Wednesday the 20th** in the morning or the following **Thursday** in the evening. The study is on the Armor of God by Pricilla Shirer.

Ways to Give:

- Online
- Giving box at church
- Mail a check



SERMON NOTES

Andrew Severinsen - Mark 15:16-47

Big Idea: Mark records the most unfair, most ugly, and yet most loving event in human history, the crucifixion of Jesus. The death of Jesus is not the death of our hope. Rather, it is the foundation of our hope, our faith, our joy.

- The Mocking of Jesus
- The Crucifixion of Jesus
- The Death of Jesus
- The Burial of Jesus

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

1. **On the Mount of Olives** Luke 22, Matthew 26

It is here that Jesus prayed so hard that His sweat became like drops of blood. His humanity desired to avoid, if possible, the coming separation from the Father.

2. **The Sanhedrin Trial** John 18, Mark 14

False accusations were heaped upon Jesus first, before Annas, and then second, before the High Priest, Caiaphas. With Peter standing nearby, those gathered hear Jesus answer the trumped up testimony with the great "I AM".

3. **The Trial Before Pilate** John 18, Luke 23

It is during these early hours of the morning that Pilate and Jesus have a theological discussion regarding truth. Pilate did not realize that Jesus was not merely teaching the truth, but was in actuality... The Truth.

4. **The Crown of Thorns** Luke 23, John 19

The soldiers add their own touch by weaving a mock crown of thorns and jamming it onto His head.

5. **Carrying His Cross** Matthew 27, Mark 15

The load that Jesus carried was certainly more than a few extra pounds of wood beams. It was the spiritual burden that had to be overwhelming.

6. **Speaking to the Women** Luke 23

A large part of the lamenting crowd was made up of women. Women He had cared for. Women He had healed. Women who were treated with respect, in a culture where that was not necessarily a value.

7. **The Cross** Matthew 27, Mark 15, John 19

Hanging between two thieves and exposed for the entire world to see, He lays down His own life, so that we might gain a new life.

8. **The Tomb** Burial Mark 15, John 19

To make sure He stayed put, Pilate placed a seal over the stone. That, and the Roman guards on duty, would certainly keep Him inside. Wouldn't it?