

THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

events

Men's Breakfast is this **Saturday the 13th at 8 am** as the men meet together in the Pavilion to begin a study together in the book of Daniel.

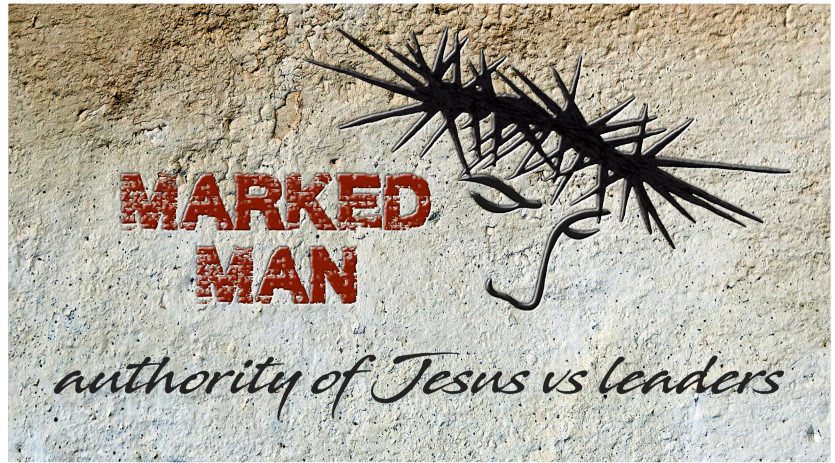
Teen Challenge in Hilo will collect our gifts on Sunday the 14th. Teen Challenge offers a practical Bible-based program to help people struggling with addictions transition from alcoholism and substance abuse to a life of freedom in Christ. For more information - teenchallengehawaii.com.

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army **Food Bank**. Please bring your items **Sunday the 21st** or drop them at the church during the week before.

If you have questions please contact Roxena by phone at (518) 429-3689 or roxenaquinlan@yahoo.com

Ways to Give:

- Online
- Giving box at church
- Mail a check



SERMON NOTES

Paul Kreitzer, Elder - Mark 11:27-12:17

Big Idea: Jesus is challenged by the Religious Leaders about His authority. Jesus demonstrates how these Religious Leaders have abused their authority and have turned their backs on God's word and His Messiah. Their hearts are calloused to the truth of God's word and are blinding to what and who Jesus is. Jesus reveals their hearts for what it really is.

- Jesus authority is challenged
- The parable of the tenants
- Taxes to Caesar

GRACE GROUP Discussion Questions

Mark 11:27-33

1. Why do the religious leaders ask Jesus about His authority? What answer do you think they hoped for? What would they have done if they had received the answer for which they hoped?
2. What's the essence of Jesus' question (put it in other words)?
3. What is revealed by the religious leaders' answer to Jesus' question? How good are they at being religious?
4. Why is it so important to Mark to emphasize the authority Jesus has?
5. How is Jesus' authority related to Biblical authority?
6. How did you come to determine that Jesus and the Bible were to be trusted? Are authoritative?
7. Do you have any areas you are still doubting the authority of Jesus and Scripture? How has trusting Jesus' authority benefitted you?

Mark 12:1-12

1. Who is the parable directed to? What is Jesus trying to communicate to them?
2. What is Mark hoping we readers take from his recording of Jesus' telling of the parable?
3. Why does Jesus quote part of Psalm 118? What does Mark hope we get from quoting Jesus' quote from Psalm 118?
4. What theological ideas do you believe Jesus is trying to convey by His telling of the parable?
5. What truths about God and how He works do you get from verses 10-12, from the quote of Psalm 118?
6. How does this text encourage you? Be specific. In what current life situation do you most need this encouragement?
7. How do you experience and express the "marvelous" work of Jesus in daily life?

Mark 12:13-17

1. What is the essence of the trap that the Herodians and Pharisees have set for Jesus? How well does it work?
2. What is Jesus trying to teach us about money in verses 13-17?

Spend some time sharing and praying together.