



EASTER SUNDAY

at the table





CALL TO WORSHIP

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

-Jesus (John 8:12)





ACTS 5:12-42

12 Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. 13 None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. 14 And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, 15 so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. 16 The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.





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17 But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy 18 they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. 19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, 20 “Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.” 21 And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.





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Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. 22 But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, 23 “We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside.” 24 Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to.





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25 And someone came and told them, “Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people.”

26 Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people. 27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, 28 saying, “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us.” 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.





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30 The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.” 33 When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. 34 But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while.





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35 And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. 36 For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. 37 After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. 38 So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail;





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39 but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, 40 and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. 42 And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.





RECAP

Acts 1: Apostles see resurrected Jesus. Jesus promises the HS & ascends into Heaven.

Acts 2: HS shows up at Pentecost. Gifts/Empowerment happens via HS. Peter preaches the gospel — 2,000 people are saved. Early church is committed to God's Word & God's People.

Acts 3: Lame beggar healed by the power of the HS via the apostles. The purpose of healing was to grant the opportunity to point to the ultimate Healer—namely Jesus. Peter preaches the gospel again.

Acts 4: First moment of Christian persecution for proclaiming Christ. Spirit still moving and redeeming people.

Acts 4:33 – “and with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and great grace was upon them all.”





THE RESURRECTION EMPOWERS THE CHURCH WITH CHRIST'S PRESENCE (VS. 12–16)

Points back to Jesus' mission (Mt. 4)

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fearful of arrest

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23 And he [Jesus] went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. 24 So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. 25 And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

-Matthew 4:23-25





THE RESURRECTION FREES US FROM THE FEAR OF MAN (vs. 17–20)

17 But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party **denied angels, resurrection, eternal life, heaven/hell** **wanted position** of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy 18 they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. 19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, 20 “Go and stand **delivered to an opportunity for obedience** in the temple and speaking to the people all the words of this Life.”





THE RESURRECTION DEMANDS UNCOMPROMISING OBEDIENCE (vs. 21–29)

21 And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and **what they were just arrested for** began to teach. Now when the high priest came, and those who were with **ie the Sanhedrin (governing council) — starting to see apostles as national threat** him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. 22 But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, **protected with their life** 23 “We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside.”





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“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.” Eph. 1:7

“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”” -Gal. 3:13

“For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” -Rmns. 5:6-8





For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. -2 Cor. 5:21

“I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.” -Lk. 5:32





THE RESURRECTION PRODUCES JOYFUL SUFFERING AND ENDURING MISSION (VS. 33–42)

The gospel is offensive

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The resurrection reframes our suffering, not as defeat, but
as fellowship with Christ (Phil 3:10)

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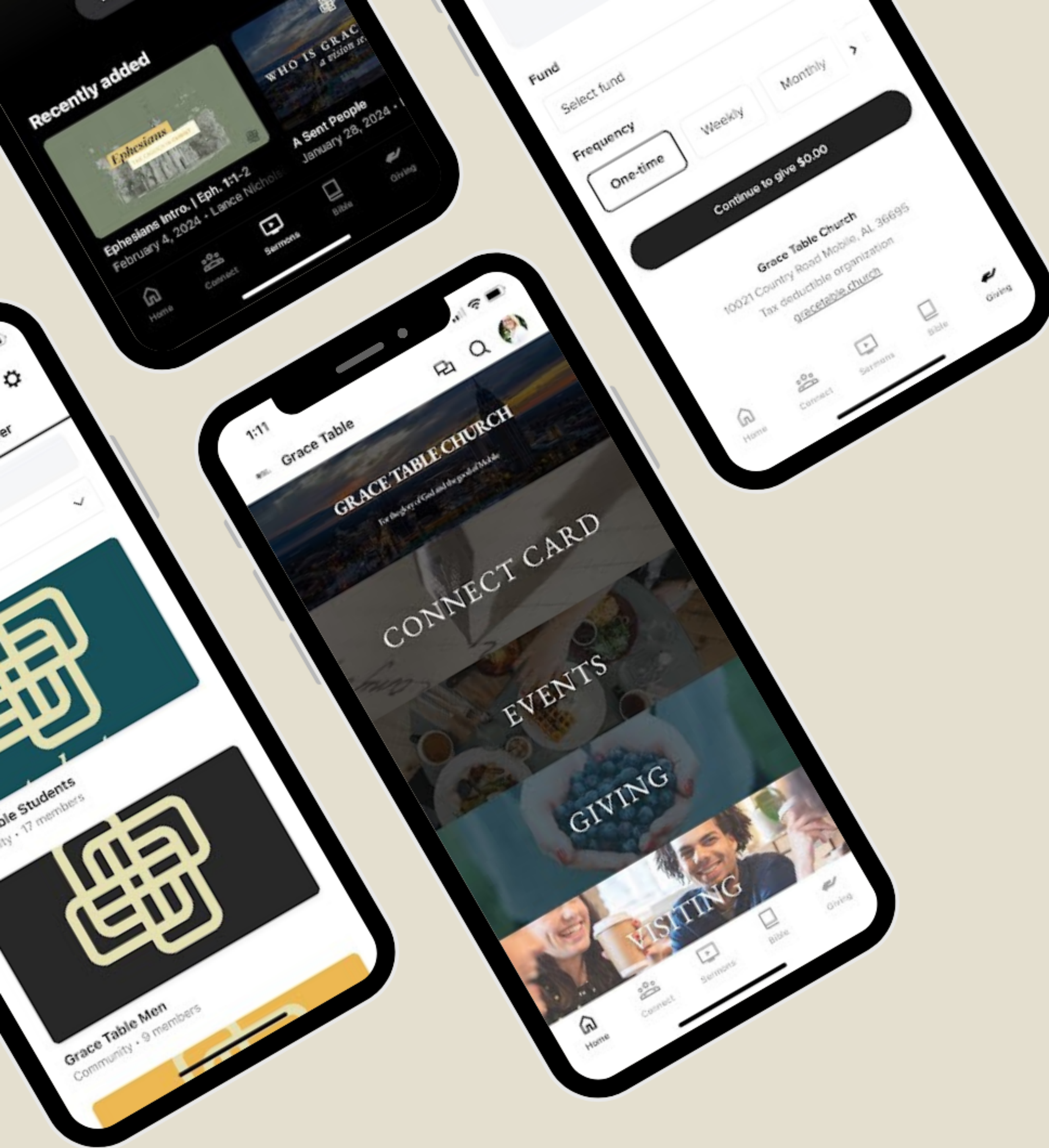




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BENEDICTION

Leader:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

-2 Corinthians 13:14

People:

And also with you.





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