

Palm Sunday

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Faith often breaks down when our circumstances break down.

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." Mark 1:15

Sunday - Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:9-11)

Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" ¹⁰ "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Mark 11:9-10

Monday - Jesus clears the temple (Mark 11:12-18)

The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching. Mark 11:18

Tuesday - Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus (Mark 14:10-11)

Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. ¹¹ They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So he watched for an opportunity to hand him over. Mark 14:10-11

Wednesday - all is quiet**Thursday - Jesus eats the Passover meal with his disciples** (Mark 14:22-24)

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body." ²³ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴ "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. Mark 14:22-24

- Peter lost hope.

...Then everyone deserted him and fled. Mark 14:50

- Even when you don't feel Him, God is near.

Friday - Jesus is crucified

We don't always get to choose what we go through, but we can choose how we go through it.

Let's Connect

Once social distancing ends, what's one thing you'd like to do?

Let's Talk About It

While our world has dramatically changed, the final week of Jesus' life was filled with incredible uncertainty. Sometimes our faith can break down when our circumstances break down. Through the Gospel of Mark, Peter gives us a perspective of God being near even when we don't feel Him or see Him working. Peter's example shows us that while we can't always choose what we're going through, we can choose how we go through it. We can press into God's presence and tap into His power.

Mark 1:15; Mark 10:32-34; Mark 11:8-18; Mark 14; Luke 22:54-62; 1 Peter 1:3-7

- Which part of the message made an impact, caught your attention or challenged you?
- Read Mark 10:32-34. Discuss the final week of Jesus' life. How does understanding God's purpose in Jesus' greatest pain give you perspective and strength when you face difficult challenges? If you knew that your suffering was glorifying God would that change your attitude toward it?
- Read Mark 14:48-50. On Thursday, when things got dangerous, all of Jesus' disciples left Him and ran for safety. What do you think they were thinking at that point? What do you think Jesus was thinking?
- Read and discuss Luke 22:54-62. What sticks out to you about this section? What possibly was Peter thinking as Jesus "looked" at him?
- Read 1 Peter 1:3-7. Discuss with your group the choices Peter had to make to go from where he was in Luke 22 to be able to boldly declare these scriptures. How can you press into God's presence and power when you fail or feel pressed by your circumstances?

Take a Step

- If you have need related to the COVID-19 crisis, or if you want to help those in need, please let us know at the HOPE FOR HONOLULU page on our website: gracehonolulu.org/hope.
- Download and play Give Hope Bingo. Invite someone to Easter online with us.

Here's My Prayer

- Download the weekly prayer from UNITE714 (unite714.com).