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GOD REVEALED



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
JOHN

APRIL 2, 2023



WELCOME

At RCC, the Bible tells us that God wants us to find our greatest joy in Him and that He desires for us to share this experience with others.

So our mission is - To encourage people to **Enjoy God Together**.

And our vision is - To **build joy-filled communities of faith** whose very existence inspires individuals to live an abundant Christian life, **made up of three key relationships - r1, r2, and r3**.

r1 – A deepening relationship with God

r2 – A life-changing relationship with other believers

r3 – An engaging relationship with those yet to believe

To get there, we have a few things that matter to us:



WHAT WE THINK ABOUT GOD MATTERS



WE FIND OUR GREATEST JOY IN JESUS



WE HELP PEOPLE HELP PEOPLE



WE CELEBRATE QUESTIONS



WE EMBRACE INEVITABLE TENSIONS



THIS IS FOR LIFE

GIVING UPDATE

Thank you to all of you for investing in RCC's vision and community. As of 03/29/23 our giving vs. budget is:

General Fund Giving	Month to Date	Year to Date
2023 Actual	\$100,719	\$282,703
2023 Budget	\$117,158	\$334,686
Difference	-\$16,439	-\$51,983

HOW TO GIVE

At RCC, we believe that giving comes as a natural, joyous outpouring of worship for what God has done, is doing, and will do in our lives. So whatever is received, we are grateful and truly believe God is honored through our giving.

If you'd like to give, you can:

1. Give at richfieldcc.org/invest
2. Give through "giving" on The Church Center App
3. Give by text to 84321 (and text an amount to get started)
4. Give by cash or check in any of the "for God" boxes"

**LAST
SUPPER**

**GOOD
FRIDAY**

EASTER

FOR US. FOR LIFE.

**APRIL 6TH
6pm**

**APRIL 7TH
5pm**

**APRIL 9TH
9am & 10:30am**

This year, we're doing something a little different for Easter and walking together through Jesus' final days. We'll begin on Thursday with celebration of the Last Supper. We'll then move to the cross and pray over Jesus' sacrifice on Good Friday. Finally, we'll celebrate Easter together with two services on Sunday.

This is a great opportunity to invite family and friends to experience the uniqueness of God's love for us.

If you'd like an invite card, swing by the "New Here." desk in the lobby on Sunday and ask for some.



LAST SUPPER

Join us **THIS THURSDAY** night at **6pm**, as we reflect on Jesus' promises through music, drama, scripture, and communion.

Come learn more about the last supper and feel what it was like to experience it from the view of the apostles.

Livestream will be available as well as Child Care for Children 4th grade and below.



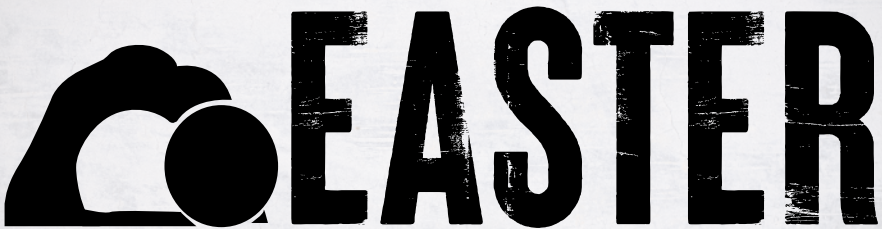
GOOD FRIDAY

This is the most important day for Christians. The day Jesus paid it all for our sins.

At **5pm** on **THIS FRIDAY**, we'll gather together to say thank you to him and ask God to open our hearts, seeking understanding and forgiveness.

We will be walking to RCC Park for communion as part of this experience. If you don't feel comfortable walking, we will have the communion experience available.

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EASTER

He is risen! Join us as we celebrate that Jesus has overcome the grave!

NEXT SUNDAY at **9am** and **10:30am**, we'll sing, shout, and express our joy that Jesus did everything he promised - For Us. For Life.

SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:

John 19:1-42

¹ Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ² And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. ³ They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. ⁴ Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." ⁵ So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" ⁶ When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." ⁷ The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." ⁸ When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ⁹ He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" ¹¹ Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin." ¹² From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." ¹³ So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. ¹⁴ Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" ¹⁵ They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify

him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." ¹⁶ So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, ¹⁷ and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." ²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴ so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. ²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed

his head and gave up his spirit. ³¹ Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. ³² So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵ He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶ For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” ³⁷ And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.” ³⁸ After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. ³⁹ Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰ So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹ Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴² So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

NOTES:

Life Group Discussion Questions

John 19:1-42

For the week of April 2, 2023

Reading the Text:

1. What are some of the themes/ideas that have come up in recent chapters? What is the immediate context of the passage we are in now?
2. Is there anything that stands out to you with John's description of the crucifixion, as compared to the other gospel writer's accounts? What details do you see, or not see included? Why might that be?
3. Do you notice any interesting uses of the Old Testament quotations/allusions in this section of John? What do you see? What could John be communicating by using these references?
4. In what ways do you see the glory of God on display in this chapter? Explain.
5. How would you summarize the big idea of this passage?

Living it Out:

1. What are some of the most glorious things you've experienced? What was it like? What details can you share about these moment(s)?
2. Do you think Jesus' crucifixion is often treated as "glorious"? Why or why not?
3. What do you think it means to "experience the Glory of God"? How can experiences like this change us both individually and collectively as a community?

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