

March 28, 2004

Good morning!

If you are new to Grace, we extend a special welcome. Relax. Don't feel any obligation to give monetarily...you are our guest!

Grace Community is a new kind of church focused on finding. Finding God. Finding hope and truth. Finding forgiveness in Jesus Christ. Finding relationships and personal growth in an open creative church.

The emphasis at Grace is twofold: be a church home for non-churched people and provide Christ followers a rich environment for spiritual growth.

The pastor's name is Dave. You can reach him at the church (373-1271) or online at dave@findinggrace.com.

The audio of today's message is available online (findinggrace.com) or at the information table in the lobby.

*Our mission is to **experience** the grace of God in our lives
and to **extend** the grace of God to our community.*

Grace 201 concludes this Wednesday evening, 7-8:30pm.

The Easter season continues next week focused at "The Passion: True or False?: The evidence for the life and claims of Jesus Christ will be examined in detail.

Sunday (Palm Sunday) April 4 – "True or False: Jesus Died for You"

Friday April 9 (7pm) – "True or False: Jesus took the sin of the world"

This Good Friday service will be a Tenebrae or "service of darkness".

Sunday (Easter) April 11 – "True or False: Jesus is Alive"

Women's Connection: Gardening, Tuesday, March 30th, 7-9pm. We will be having a panel discussion with our own gardening experts Bunny Beyers and Sally Harrison. So, come with your questions and a friend!

Want to discuss "The Passion"? A short-term open discussion group starts today at 1pm. The focus will be the movie "The Passion of the Christ". Please write "The Passion" on your envelope or call Kevin McDougal at 597-1370.

Spiritual Growth Reading Plan:

Monday Matthew 26:1-16

Thursday Matthew 26:57-68

Sunday Rev 22:12-21

Tuesday Matthew 26:17-35

Friday Revelation 21:1-27

Wednesday Matthew 26:36-56

Saturday Revelation 22:1-11

The Passion: True or False?

Was Jesus the Son of God?

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome. The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward and declared, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.' " Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."

"Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" "He is worthy of death," they answered.

Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him and said, "Prophecy to us, Christ. Who hit you?"

Matthew 26:57-68 (NIV)

Jesus was human. True or False?

Jesus was God. True or False?

You decide. True or False?

Surely he was the Son of God!

Matthew 27:54b (NIV)