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HOME BASE

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WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes. Romans 1:16



THIS WEEK'S READING: Mark 13-16, Romans 1-2

This week we finish Mark's gospel and begin Paul's letter to the Romans. Reading Paul can be hard! Stay with it and see what the Spirit reveals to you.

SERMON RECAP [Listen to Sermon Online](#)

On Sunday, we were grateful to have Cath Kiminski share with us from Mark 10. Cath is planting Beacon Covenant Church in Lincoln, NE. Visit www.beaconcovenant.org for more information.



REFLECTIONS: Lacey Markt

"So as evening approached, Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body."
Mark 15:42-43

"Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles."
Romans 1:22-23

When reading these passages, I was struck most by Joseph of Arimathea's actions. He went "boldly" before Pilate to claim Jesus's body. Jesus' disciples had fled in fear, but Joseph was not afraid. Why? I think it was because he was "waiting for the kingdom of God". He cared more for pleasing God than the trouble he could get into with the teachers of the law or the Roman authorities. There's a lot we can fear right now—disease, death, job loss, uncertain future plans. Being cautious seems wise. But God calls us to be obedient. So, I wonder, where I am living in the safety of worldly caution instead of the safety of God's plan? Where should I be going boldly in faith instead of shrinking back in fear? Whose kingdom am I waiting for?



Pastor Greg Applequist

UPCOMING SERMON TEXT - Romans 1:8-17

Later this week we will start Romans. Romans is hard! Before you start reading, please watch this video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ej_6dVdJSIU

(or go to youtube and search "Bible Project Romans", the video for chapters 1-4 will come up). Here are some questions to consider:

In what ways are you bound by sin and separated from God?

How would you feel if Paul had sent this letter to you, and specifically pointed out the ways you were living apart from God?

What can we do with our continual separation from God?

CHURCH UPDATE

In the midst of the community unrest in the past few weeks, we want to invite you to watch the film 'Just Mercy' (it is free on many of the streaming platforms). We will be having a ZOOM conversation on June 18 at 7:00 to discuss this film.

We are planning to have a conversation with Dominique Gilliard, author of *Rethinking Incarceration*, around this topic on July 9. More info to come. Watch the movie!!!!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please let us know of your prayer concerns below.

THE DUGOUT: A Place For Kids & Their Families (Maggie Person)

Read Mark 14:12-26

Mark 14 talks about the last meal Jesus had with his disciples. A lot of us know it as The Last Supper.

THINK: Have you heard of The Last Supper?

Where have you heard these words before?

What do you think of when you hear Jesus' words to his disciples?

Why is this story important and included in the bible?

DO: Use play dough, clay, or paper and scissors to make a cup and bread shapes. Use the shapes to act out The Last Supper with your family. If you would like to do more, you can create your own special meal out of play dough, paper, markers, crayons, etc.