

THIS FRIDAY

Good Friday Services 5 & 7PM

Beautiful, meditative communion services!
Children’s programs for infants through 3rd grade

THIS SATURDAY

Adaptive Egg Hunt 9:30AM

Beeper eggs for kids with visual impairment, roller hunt for kids with chairs, sensory-friendly hunt for kids who prefer, and much more!

NEXT WEEKEND

Easter at TLC Saturday 4 & 6PM | Sunday 8:30, 10, & 11:30AM

Joyful, celebratory family services!

- Delicious free food
- Great activities for kids
- Inspiring music & message

IN THREE WEEKS

New Series: Counter Culture Christ

Our society is full of anxiety, incivility, and materialism. In his most famous sermon, Jesus shows how to find freedom from all three!



TWO KINGDOMS

RENÉ SCHLAEPFER | APRIL 13 & 14

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THE SETTING: THREE YEARS EARLIER...

“The time promised by God has come at last!” he announced. **“The Kingdom of God is near!”** Mark 1:15 NLT

“What is the Kingdom of God like? How can I illustrate it? It is like a tiny mustard seed that a man planted in a garden; it grows and becomes a tree, and the birds make nests in its branches.”
Luke 13:18,19 NLT

“The **Kingdom of God** does not come in such a way as to be seen. No one will say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or, ‘There it is!’; because the Kingdom of God is **within you.**” Luke 17:20,21 GN

“John the Baptist sent us to ask, ‘**Are you the Messiah we’ve been expecting,** or should we keep looking?’” ...(Jesus said), “Go back to John and tell him what you have seen and heard—the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor.”
Luke 7:20,22 NLT

CHARACTERISTICS OF...

Kingdoms of this world

Pride
Threats
Self-protection

Kingdom of Heaven

The two kingdoms collide the day of Christ's death...

SCENE 1: ARREST

Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs... Mark 14:43 NIV

Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Mark 14:47 NIV

SCENE 2: TRIAL

And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and **claims to be Christ, a king.**" Luke 23:2

"**Are you the king of the Jews?**" asked **Pilate.** "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. Mark 15:2

"**My kingdom is not of this world.** If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest... my kingdom is from another place." John 18:36

"If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king **opposes Caesar.**" John 19:12 NIV

SCENE 3: DEATH

The written notice of **the charge against Jesus** read: "**The King of the Jews.**" Mark 15:26

When the **centurion**, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, "**Surely this man was the Son of God!**" Mark 15:39

TWO QUESTIONS THE GOSPELS FORCE ME TO ASK:

1. Who is my _____?

2. What is my _____?

For though we live in the world, **we do not wage war as the world does.** The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. 2 Corinthians 10:3,4a NIV

Resources quoted and referenced in this message

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