

Events and Announcements



St Joe's Collection Bin and Memorial Names

The St. Joe's Collection Bin will be at the Besserer door every Sunday from today up until to Easter. Donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and feminine products will be given to St. Joe's Supper Table ministry.

If you would like to have a loved one remembered by name in the Easter bulletin, please submit those names to the office no later than April 15th. Flowers will be present on the stage in memory of our loved ones. info@messiahchurch.ca



Palm Sunday Potluck (Corrected date!)

Sunday, April 14th

Join us for a church potluck after the service in the lobby! Please bring a potluck item to share!



Messiah Women's High Tea Party!

Join Messiah women for a tea party and music by Amy Usherwood. Please feel free to dress for the occasion! Hats and fascinators are all the rage at this party!

Saturday, April 13th | 2:30-4:00PM



Date Night

Parents at Church of the Messiah are encouraged to go out on a date! Drop your children off at the Bible House for play time dinner and a short kid-friendly meal.

Saturday, April 24th | 4:30 - 7PM

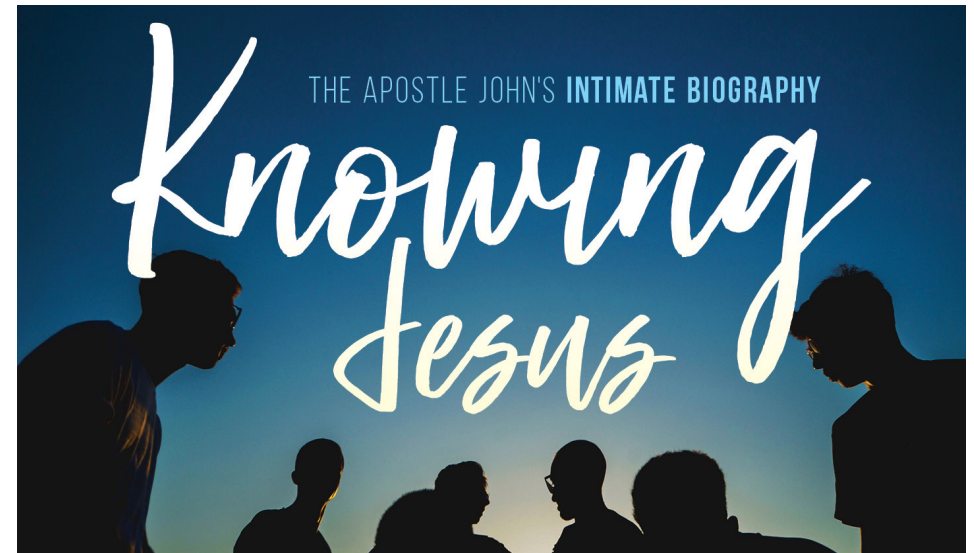
Sign up by emailing jen@messiahchurch.ca or with Anna H. after the service!



WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

Sunday, March 31st, 2019

Making disciples of Jesus, gripped by the gospel, living for God's glory.



John 19:1-16a

Rev. George Sinclair - Rector



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Knowing Jesus - John 19:1-16a

GROWING IN GRACE

I need to develop godly attitudes.

- A) Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- B) Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- C) Repeat the attitude to help it sink in. Do this in conjunction with A & B!

Attitudes.

1. The Gospel shapes me to live in the real world.
2. I will read the Bible with a humble, searching mind, because it is God's.
3. Lord, help me to know when to be silent, when to speak, and to always listen first.

I need to grow in prayer.

A great way to do this is to learn to pray the Bible. Pray this prayer until you can pray without reading:

Almighty God, You alone say the final and true word about every human being. Please bring the Gospel deeper and deeper into my life so that I can stand up under ridicule and contempt, and live free for Your glory in the power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

I need to get God's word in my mind and heart.

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,"

Romans 3:23-24

I need to do something or start to do something.

Complete the following sentence: "In light of God's word, the Holy Spirit is leading me to _____."

Does John Contradict Mark?

Dear Friends,

It has long been known that there is a discrepancy in the timing of events between John 19:14 and Mark 15:25, 33. To critics of Christianity, this is a very serious difference, and is a key bit of evidence that the New Testament is not trustworthy and true. If someone challenges you on this, take a deep breath, say a short prayer, and remember that there is no criticism of the Bible in such matters which is truly novel. The problem may be new to you, but it is always an old "problem" which has long been discussed and addressed by Christian writers. You can always say something like, "Wow. Thanks for pointing that out. Can we meet next week to discuss it? That will allow me to do some thinking and share with you how to understand the text." Just so you know, the issue before us today is one that early Christian writers addressed.

The most common explanation of the discrepancy is to use the fact that there were two different ways of talking about time when John and Mark wrote their biographies of Jesus. Mark used the Jewish method, which divides day time into 4 quarters. John used the Roman method, which had 12 hours for the day and 12 hours for the evening.

I want to share a different approach, one which focuses on how we unconsciously impose our understanding of time on two first century writers. We are used to accurate time. We carry phones around which continually update the time so it is, basically, always the right time within a couple of seconds. So when we hear John say "about the sixth hour", and we assume an ancient Jewish time notation, we think 12pm or noon. But remember, the ancient world did not have clocks. In fact, there were virtually no sundials in first century Palestine. So people talked about time in a very different, but practical way. People would look into the sky and make a decision about where the sun was, and then pronounce a time.

People in Jesus' day, would say "early morning" and "sun down" for the beginning and the end of the day. During the day they only had 3 "times". The "third hour" meant "mid-morning". The "sixth hour" meant "mid-day". The "ninth hour" meant "mid-afternoon". In every case, the time was determined by a person looking up to the sun and making a decision about which time period it was. Because we are used to a modern sense of time, we hear their expressions as giving an exact time. But if you think about it, that is impossible. They were making a statement about the "time period" of the day.

John actually creates valid wiggle room. He says about the sixth hour. In other words, he says "about mid-day". As you can easily see, it would always have been a judgement call as to when "mid-morning" was passing and "mid-day" was beginning. In this sense, there is no contradiction between the two texts.

Some might respond by saying – what about the parable about the owner, where the owner hires laborers at the eleventh hour? Doesn't that contradict what you say about how people referred to time? Not at all. The phrase is an idiom; a non-literal phrase. The "eleventh-hour" is like us saying "it was a buzzer beater", or "at the last second", or "in the nick of time". That is what is meant in the parable. It was not a statement about the exact "time" (by our standards) that the owner went out.

Friends, the Bible is trustworthy and true. The more we find out about the ancient world, the more we see that the Bible is accurate.

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