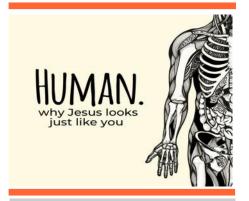


I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.

JOHN 15:5

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We exist to ignite
a passion in every
person to glorify and
enjoy God everywhere
and in everything.



SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE 9:00am & 10:30am

"Jesus Didn't Always Sing, 'Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah'" Hebrews 2:14

https://youtube.com/live/3jrUyK1vdV0

Pastor Benji



King Josiah Made Me Write In My Bible...3 Times!!!

I don't write in my Bible or my books. You can. I'll tease you, but you can. I don't, so IF and when I do, it's a pretty big deal. King Josiah made me underline THREE passages in my Bible.

- 1) Just before Josiah, Manasseh was so bad, "But they did not listen, and Manasseh led them astray to do more evil than the nations had done whom the LORD destroyed before the people of Israel." 2 Kings 21:9
- 2) In contrast, Josiah was very good, the best, "...and he did not turn aside to the right or to the left." 2 Kings 22:2b...this appears to reference Deuteronomy 17:20 which declares the King is to daily read his self-written but scribe endorsed copy of the Law so that he leads the nation in righteousness. Josiah "king'd!"
- 3) His "epitaph" is equally amazing. It quotes the Shema in Deuteronomy 6:4, "Before him there was no king like him, who turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul and with all his might…" 2 Kings 23:25a…Josiah "shema'd!"

The nation of Israel finally got the best king in their last real king, an 8 year old boy that later in his rule led a massive national revival when they found the law. He lived out Deuteronomy 17 and Deuteronomy 6 and the Bible declared it so. That's worth highlighting.

And then he dies at the wrong place and the wrong time when he goes to a battle he wasn't supposed to be in (2 Chronicles 35:20-27) and Babylon takes the nation captive. Even the best of the kings wasn't THE KING, only Jesus is.

Good leaders matter, they really matter, but they aren't the solution, Jesus is.

Even good leaders are finite and fail, and all of us need to live well and finish well, only Jesus is perfect.

But King Josiah did make me take out my pen and underline my Bible...3 Times!!!

- Pastor James





(the Commons) to meet and hear from our Global Workers

Jim & Lui Whelchel. Listen to them share about their work with

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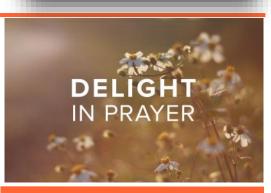
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WORSHIP WITH YOUR OFFERINGS

If you would like to worship with your offerings, please place in the collection boxes, mail them, drop them off at the church office, Use Elexio Giving at www.elexogiving.com/app/giving/gracesantamaria or use the church app. "Churches by MinistryOne" (search for Grace Baptist, Santa Maria) Thank you.

NEED PRAYER? Our Elders & Deacons will be available to pray with you after 1st and 2nd service in front of the stage in the sanctuary.









9:00

Gary Barron - Room

10:30

Kurt Mason- Room 108 Kevin Baldizon- Grace Hall

Sermon Discussion

Come join a Sunday School class and experience Gospel community!

Grace Youth Ministries

<u>Upcoming events:</u>

Wildwood - June 15-21

Navajo - July 18-26/27

Kickback - Aug 29 - Sep 1

Puzzle and Praise

Save the Date! Saturday, June 21st 1:00 - 4pm Grace Hall

