



*Easter*

*@TheRiverCRC*

*Recognize. Remember. Rejoice*

# WELCOME

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What specific plot of earth on  
this planet is your favorite?

Is it your home town? Your 1st house? Perhaps a school, a beach, a mountain, or a store. These spots have power in us. They exert gravity in a unique way because of memory, experience, familiarity or relationship. We are tied to them beyond their actual make-up (dirt, buildings, trees, etc.) to what they represent.

Scripture has many such spots. God's story occurs in specific and special places, most of which still exist. Like our special places, these move beyond simple rock, soil and edifice to something much deeper.

Through Easter, we will explore these spaces. We'll study what makes each important. We'll learn more about the message they carry and how our 'Grounded-ness' in Christ can grow as we understand more about the important places in God's story.

Come and learn. Let's get some dirt under our fingernails and dig deeper into the Ground of God.

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FOR MORE INFO, MAPS AND DIRECTIONS, VISIT

**THE RIVER CRC.COM**



**Our Mission:** We exist to make disciples who put God's love on display to our world.

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**Our Vision** is to see a people inspired by God's love and faithfully sharing that love with the world.

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**Our Values:** Every member of The River is daily and communally engaged in a deeper relationship with Jesus through...



We welcome people into our lives appreciating our differences and similarities.



We will grow by following the Holy Spirit's work in and around us.



We will give generously of our time, talents and finances to see God's kingdom grow.



We will go where God calls us to go.



We will serve intentionally using and growing the gifts God has given us.



**Resonate** continues the good work of Home Missions and World Missions. For more than a century, these two agencies introduced people to Christ in North America and around the world. For resonate, that means continuing their partnership with churches in the United States and Canada to plant churches, do campus ministry, train and equip pastors, and develop future leaders. Additionally, it means sending missionaries overseas, proclaiming the Gospel, and forging lasting partnerships.

In addition to this ongoing work, Resonate is also tackling new opportunities for ministry. Here in North America, they need experience in international ministry to help churches effectively reach across cultural barriers and forge partnerships within new communities of faith. In other nations, they need expertise in church planting and campus ministry to help people in every nation discover God's plan for their church, community, and life. With your prayers and financial support, as Resonate Global Mission, they will be able to equip all our churches for ministry and join together with what God is already doing around the world.



The people of The River believe in investing in outreach activities. One of the ways that we do this is by supporting both financially and prayerfully a number of different organizations, ministries and Christian groups.

There will be two offerings each Sunday. The first one is for The River Life Fund. The schedule for the second offering is as follows:

- March 3– Benevolence
- March 10 - Christian Education Fund (CEF)
- March 17– Missions
- March 24 – The Village at Redlands
- March 31– Resonate Global Missions
- April 7– Benevolence
- April 14– CEF
- April 21– Missions

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### **THE RIVER REUSES**

The earth is a gift from God the Creator. Please help us be good stewards. On your way out, please drop your weekly shell in the bins by the exits to be used again the following week.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – April 14

**GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER SERVICES** information is available on the website or the postcards in the foyer. We will be having **EASTER BRUNCH** at 8:45 am and following the service on Easter. This is a great time to invite someone to celebrate that Christ has risen. You can find postcards in the foyer with more information to share.

**AS PART OF OUR GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**, we will be sharing a Kosher meal. We are in need of 4-5 people that would be willing to make a simple, vegetable soup in a crock pot that they would bring for that evening. If you would be willing to bless us this way, please contact the front office at 909-798-2221 or [kimm@therivercrc.com](mailto:kimm@therivercrc.com) and let us know. We will get this simple recipe to you. We would be so grateful!

**GUESTS AT THE RIVER**– We have an opportunity for you to learn more about what The River Church is all about! Join us for an informal gathering at Next Steps with Pastor Scott Sunday, April 28th. We will meet after the worship service in The Study for about 45 minutes. Questions? Contact Karen Verhoeven at [Karen@therivercrc.com](mailto:Karen@therivercrc.com) or 909-800-5149.

**DAILY DEVOTIONAL** will be starting again on April 22nd! If you were already receiving the devotional you will receive it again, if you would like to sign up to receive it, you can at [therivercrc.com](http://therivercrc.com).

**ALL CHURCH GOLF OUTING!** Come enjoy a fun day of golf on Saturday, May 11th at Morongo Golf Club at Tukwet Canyon in Beaumont. The time will be determined based on how many people are interested. Cost should be around \$50 per player (hopefully less if we get enough interest). It will be a group of 4 scramble style so all ages and skill levels are welcome. They must have their own clubs though. Contact Andrew Simpson at [ajsimpson11@hotmail.com](mailto:ajsimpson11@hotmail.com) or (909)936-8765 with questions or to sign up.

**LADIES AUXILIARY OF REDLANDS CHRISTIAN HOME** is hosting a Salad Luncheon on April 25th from 11:00-1:00 pm at Hope Protestant Reformed.

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**NEXT SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS**

**Nursery:** Doug & Sarah Huibregtse, Ben & Kimberly Lee, Molly Smith

**To contact the Care Ministry Team or a pastor, call the church office at 909-798-2221.**

# **Grounded: Mount of Olives “Recognize”**

**Mark 11:1-11**

**Why do royals captivate the way they do?**

**A. 1-3: Christ prepares to show Jerusalem his royalty.**

“Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.” Vs. 2

**B. 4-8: Christ gets his ride into town.**

“They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway.” Vs. 4

**Jumping on the band wagon.**

**C. 9-10: The parade**

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” Vs. 9

**D. 11: Christ doesn’t do this “right.”**

“He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany.” Vs. 11

**F. Why is The Mount of Olives important?**

Where did Christ walk? What do we recognize in his kingship?

**The best royals and the worst royals.**