

# The Year Of Following Jesus #14: Jesus Storms The Gates Of Hell

April 2, 2022

## Good Stuff To Know

**Riverside Services Online-** If you aren't in town on the weekend, you can still follow our services. We live stream each service on Facebook! You can also watch them anytime through Facebook by navigating over to <https://www.facebook.com/EagleRiverside>. And you don't need a Facebook account to watch the videos.

**Offerings To Riverside - In case you were wondering-** We don't pass a collection plate at Riverside. If you'd like to give, there are boxes at the back & envelopes in the information racks for cash donations. If you would like the convenience of giving online, go to [www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com), click on "Give" and follow the directions. Your donations are an answer to our prayers and are the only means by which Riverside is able to operate.

**FAQs -** Have questions about why we do what we do and why we don't do what we don't do? Chances are you'll find more about it on our FAQs page. You can access the page from our website or text the word "Guest" to 907-312-2662 and you'll receive a link to the page.



*Welcome Home!*  
*Thanks for joining us today*

**April 2 & 3, 2022**

Better is One Day

**Welcome**

At Your Name

Even If

**Lord's Supper Thought**

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

**Prayer**

**Communion**

**Lesson: The Year of Following Jesus #14 -**  
**Jesus Storms the Gates of Hell - Pastor Ed**



### First Time Visitors

#### The Lord's Supper (Communion)

This is a time when we "commune" with God and remember Jesus' sacrifice. We also "commune" with one another as His church family. You are welcome to participate with us by going to one of the tables set up with trays- each cup is actually 2 cups (bread in bottom and juice on top) so grab a set of cups and take it back to your place (and don't forget to social distance). You can eat/drink the cracker and juice whenever you feel ready and then throw the cups away on your way out (there are trash cans at all exits). Everyone is welcome to join us if you're interested in remembering Jesus' life & sacrifice with us.

"Welcome To Riverside" brochure available online.  
[www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com)

### This Week At Riverside

(Specific info about these activities is listed in the "Happenings" section)

- ➔ Bible Study Wednesday
- ➔ Ignite/Rev Monday & Thrive Thursday
- ➔ Ladies Craft Day Saturday
- ➔ April service projects - CANDY!
- ➔ Riverside softball team

#### Need To Talk?...

The church office is not staffed during the week. There is a preschool that uses our building, so Ed, Aniela & Nate work from home. If you would like to contact them directly you can call them or email and set up an appointment.

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### Riverside Happenings

**Softball Team** - Join the Riverside Black Sheep in a coed softball team this summer. Players 15 and older. No skills required. Got skills? Great! We need a coach, too! Games will be Monday nights. See Ed or Aniela if you want to organize the team.

**Baptism** - Want to get baptized or have questions? Scan the QR code or go to [www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism](http://www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism) and we'll get you sorted out.



**Bible Study** - Wednesday will be our last Bible study before we break for the summer. We'll be looking at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem- the place that has both the place Jesus died on the cross and the tomb His body was laid in- as we prepare for good Friday and Easter.

**Ladies Craft Day** - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, April 9th, 10am-4pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

**Impact Alaska** - Riverside will be joining churches from around Alaska on May 22nd to leave the 4 walls of our church and go out into the community to share the love and grace of Jesus in practical ways. We will be cancelling our weekend services that weekend. There will be much more info coming soon...

**VBS Save the Date** - June 13-16 from 6:30-8pm. Volunteer and registration info coming soon. See Janet or Aniela.

**JAM Camp Registration** - JAM Camp is July 10-14. Registration is open online at <https://www.lavernegriffincamp.org/camps> This camp is an annual tradition for Riverside students entering 5th-12th grade. The cost is \$225 per student. Scholarships are available. See Ed or Aniela.

### Upcoming Youth Events

**Monday, April 4th, 6:00 - 7:30**

Ignite and Rev (our two younger youth groups) will combine on Monday nights at Riverside for pizza, games, and a devotional.

For 4th - 8th graders. Questions? Like to help?

See Taylor or Aniela.



**Thursday, April 7th 6:00 - 8:00**

9th - 12th graders. At Riverside. Pizza, games, and a devotional.

Questions? Like to help?

See Liz & Kyle, Taylor, or Aniela.



To get updates, text the following to 907.312.2662:

"IGNITE" (4th & 5th) "REV" (6th-8th), -or- "THRIVE" (9th-12th).

Everybody's Welcome...

Nobody's Perfect...

Anything's Possible!

## Easter 2022

**April Service Project** - Bring LOTS of CANDY for our Easter egg hunt.

**Egg Stuffing Party - Wednesday, April 13th at 6:30pm** - Come help stuff the eggs at church. It's a great way to serve and get to know people.

**Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 16th from 12:30-2pm.** Candy, prizes and free pictures with the Easter Bunny. This is one of our biggest outreaches to the community. Lots of help will be needed: "hide" the eggs, give away prizes and assist the Easter Bunny, as well as making everyone feel welcome, plus help cleaning up afterward. Questions: See Pastor Ed or Aniela.

**Easter Services - Easter is Sunday, April 17th.** We will offer Easter Services Saturday, April 16th at 6pm, as well as Sunday at 8:30am, 10am and 11:30am. Invite a friend! Want to help with parking, serving communion or ushering? See Pastor Ed.

# *Following* **The Year Of Jesus #14**

## **Jesus Storms The Gates Of Hell**

*As the time drew near for him to ascend to heaven, Jesus resolutely turned His face toward Jerusalem.*

*—Luke 9:51 (ESV)*

*From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead.*

*—Matthew 16:21 (NLT)*

### **Storming The Gates Of Hell:**

#### **1. A Time Of Preparation.**

- *When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” “Well,” they replied, “some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.” Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”*

*—Matthew 16:13-16 (NLT)*

- *Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overcome it.*

*—Matthew 16:17-18 (NLT)*

## 2. A Time Of Galvanizing.

- *But Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him... "Heaven forbid, Lord," he said. "This will never happen to you!" Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's."*

—Matthew 16:22-23 (NLT)

- *Six days later Jesus took Peter and the two brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone. As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed so that his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared and began talking with Jesus.*

—Matthew 17:1-3 (NLT)

- *After they gathered again in Galilee, Jesus said, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies. He will be killed, but on the third day he will be raised from the dead." And the disciples were filled with grief.*

—Matthew 17:22-23 (NLT)

- *"Listen," he said, "we're going up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. They will sentence him to die. Then they will hand him over to the Romans to be mocked, flogged with a whip, and crucified. But on the third day he will be raised from the dead."*

—Matthew 20:17-19 (NLT)

## 3. The Final Days.

- *When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they*

*had seen. "Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!" The Pharisees said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."*  
—Luke 19:36-40 (NLT)

- *When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, "As you know, Passover begins in two days, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified." At that same time the leading priests and elders were meeting at the residence of Caiaphas, the high priest, plotting how to capture Jesus secretly and kill him.*  
—Matthew 26:1-5 (NLT)

#### **4. The Final Hours.**

- *While they were eating, he said, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me." Greatly distressed, each one asked in turn, "Am I the one, Lord?"*  
—Matthew 26:21-22 (NLT)
- *He took Peter, James, and John with him, and he became deeply troubled and distressed. He told them, "My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."*  
—Mark 14:33-34 (NLT)
- *"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." ...And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.*  
—Luke 22:42-44 (NLT)
- *Jesus knew that his mission was now finished, and... he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*  
—John 19:28-30 (NLT)

- *Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. His body was killed, but he was made alive in the spirit. And in the spirit he went and preached to the spirits in prison who refused to obey God long ago in the time of Noah.*  
—1 Peter 3:18-20 (NLT)
- *I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.*  
—John 14:12 (NLT)

## **Follow Through Step #14:**

**Reflect on what you think Jesus meant by “anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works” and how that relates to you and me storming the Gates-Of-Hell.**

## **Riverside Info Texting System**

At Riverside we aren't terribly organized- in fact we're sort of the poster church for “disorganized religion”. So we use a “text for information” system where how much info you get is controlled by you. You will never have someone call you without asking for a call. If you can't find the info you need or have more questions or need some help reach out to one of the pastors directly- if we don't answer try texting or emailing us and we may get your message sooner.

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For info on any of the following areas simply text the keyword to 907-312-2662. You'll get a text in return with a link to the info you asked

for.

Frequently Asked Questions About Riverside- keyword= FAQs

Communion Info- keyword= Communion

New To Riverside? keyword= Guest

Want news and updates periodically? keyword= Loop

Want more info about following Jesus? keyword= Shine

Want info on baptism at Riverside? keyword= Baptism

Youth Programs At Riverside:

Want info on 4-5 grade programs? keyword= Ignite

Want info on 6-8 grade programs? keyword= Rev

Want info on high school programs? keyword= Thrive