

Welcome to Church!

We are glad you chose to join us today to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We hope that your stay will be both meaningful and memorable.

We are a church that seeks to bring glory to God, to build the local church through discipleship and to fulfill the Great Commission.

Here are some activities going on with us!

Small Group Leaders Forum

All small group leaders, co-leaders and trainees are invited to join us on **April 26, 2026**, (Sunday) **7PM** at our center. This will be a valuable time to align our direction, strengthen our groups, and encourage one another in shepherding well.

Please come ready to engage, share insights, and grow together as we continue building healthy, Christ-centered communities.

How can we pray for you?

Inviting you to join our **Prayer Meeting, Tuesdays at 7PM**. You may **send your prayer requests** and **praise reports** by text (0912 130 6148), by writing them on the prayer cards provided, or by sending us a private message on our Facebook page.

Discover life with our Small Groups.

Looking for **deeper connections** and a **closer walk with God**? Our small groups are where we cultivate meaningful relationships and grow in faith together. Want to join? Visit our Information Booth after the service to find the perfect group for you!

Stay for fellowship and refreshments.

Stick around after the service for **coffee** and **connection**! It's the perfect chance to meet some friendly faces, learn more about our small groups, our ministries, and discover all that our church has to offer. We'd love to see you there!

Free Blood Pressure and Sugar Check-up.

Encouraging those who wish to monitor their Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar levels to **avail of our free check-up**, happening **every after Sunday service!**

Ways to give tithes and love gifts.

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THE PLAN THAT WAS ALWAYS THERE

The Passion Narrative: From Betrayal to the Cross

Mark 14:10-16
Ptr. Nic Sy
April 19, 2026

SERMON NOTES

I. THE BETRAYER MOVES, BUT GOD HOLDS THE PEN (Mark 14:10-11, 17-21)

Reflect: What situation in your life right now feels like it has escaped God's notice or God's control?

Man proposes. God composes.

II. THE ROOM IS READY BEFORE YOU KNOW YOU NEED IT (Mark 14:12-16)

God's preparation precedes the need.

Reflect: Where can you see that God had already prepared something before you knew you would need it?

III. THE CUP WAS HIS TO GIVE ALL ALONG (Mark 14:22-26)

Reflect: Are you living as someone who believes the future is in God's hands or as someone who believes the news has the final word?

The cross was not a crisis. It was a covenant.



“THE PLAN THAT WAS ALWAYS THERE”

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of April 20-26, 2026

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

If you received a sudden windfall* but didn't tell anyone, how would your friends and family know? (*windfall – an unexpected or sudden gain, like receiving an amount of money unexpectedly.)

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Mark 14:10-26

1. Judas goes to the chief priests to betray Jesus (vv 10-11). What motivations might have been driving Judas at this point (see also John 12:4-6; Luke 22:3-6)? How does this moment show both human intention and God's sovereign plan unfolding (Mark 14:21)? How should we understand the tension between God's control and human responsibility? What does this teach us about how God can work even through sinful choices?

2. In verses 12-16, Jesus gives very specific instructions to two disciples. What stands out to you about how detailed and precise his directions are? What does this suggest about Jesus' knowledge and control over the situation? How does this challenge the idea that Jesus was a victim of circumstances? In what areas of your life do you struggle to trust that God already “sees ahead” and is in control?

3. The upper room in verse 15 is described as furnished and ready, prepared before the disciples arrived. Look up John 14:1-3, where Jesus uses very similar language about preparing a place for his disciples. What do these two passages, one about a physical room, one about an eternal dwelling, tell us about the character of God as a provider and preparer? What difference does it make to your daily anxiety level to believe that God habitually prepares things before you arrive at your point of need?

4. When Jesus announces that one of those eating with him will betray him, the disciples respond with a question that is both honest and unsettling: “*Is it I?*” One by one, they ask it, not pointing fingers at each other, but turning the question inward. When was the last time you sat before God and asked that kind of question – not “Who is the problem around me” but “Lord, is it me?” What makes that kind of honest self-examination difficult, and what spiritual practices help you create space for it?

5. Jesus says his blood is “*poured out for many*” (v.24). What does this phrase communicate about the purpose of his death? How does this connect with passages like Isaiah 53:10-12 or Mark 10:45? What does it reveal about the cost of our salvation? How should this shape the way we view grace, not as cheap or casual, but as costly and intentional?

6. In the midst of everything (i.e. betrayal announced, cross imminent, disciples about to scatter), Jesus looks past all of it and speaks of drinking the cup new in the kingdom of God (v26). Look up Revelation 19:6-9, the picture of the great wedding supper of the Lamb. How does holding that future reality, a feast at the end of history, in a kingdom no war or economy can touch, change the way you understand present suffering?

NEXT STEPS

The cross was not a crisis; it was a covenant.

- **Stand Firm.** I will remember that in all things, God has gone ahead of me.
- **Look Back.** I will remember those times when God has made provision before the need arrived.
- **Move Forward.** I will live as one who is anchored in the truth that God's covenant has been sealed by Christ.

CLOSING THE SESSION

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for grace to trust, faith that is steady, and eyes to see that God's preparations and provisions has already preceded our need.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

BIBLE READING GUIDE

April 20	Mark 14:10-11,17-21
April 21	Mark 14:12-16
April 22	Psalms 41:5-13
April 23	Mark 14:22-26
April 24	Jeremiah 38:6-13
April 25	Psalms 100:1-5
April 26	Isaiah 65:17-24

