



GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

April 2026

Grace Community Church is a Holy Spirit led movement for all people to discover and demonstrate a growing relationship in Jesus Christ.

Service Every Sunday 11 am | Prayer Time 10:30 am

Fellowship meal immediately after service

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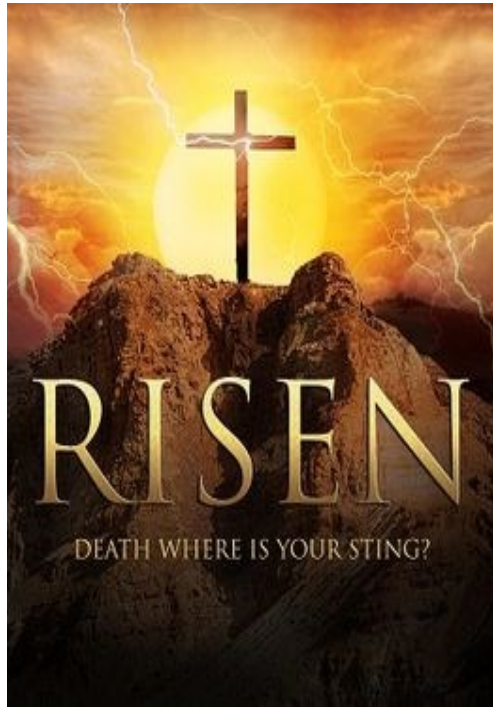
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A True Myth

“Jesus was a myth that came true” – C.S. Lewis. These would be troubling words for the Christian, except that as we are all aware, definitions of words change over time. And proper understanding of the meaning of “myth” when this statement was spoken would benefit the modern Christian. Salvation would seem less like an ultimatum and more like an adventurous journey where Jesus is our Guide. For Clive Staples Lewis (*Mere Christianity, Chronicles of Narnia, etc.*), a well-known author, scholar and defender of the faith, the word “myth” meant something different than how we would use the word today. This is how, “Jack” as he was called by his friends, explains it.

“Now as myth transcends thought, incarnation transcends myth. The heart of Christianity is a myth which is also a fact. The old myth of the dying god, without ceasing to be myth, comes down from the heaven of legend and imagination to the earth of history. It happens—at a particular date, in a particular place, followed by definable historical consequences. We pass from a Balder [Nordic god] or an Osiris [Egyptian god], dying nobody knows when or where, to a historical person crucified (it is all in order) under Pontius Pilate. By becoming fact it does not cease to be myth: that is the miracle.”

Becoming a Christian is nothing like the world presumes. Rather, a Christian is a *profound Christ-follower*. Matthew, Mark and Luke share almost verbatim, Jesus’s declaration. “And He was saying to them all, *“If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me”* (Luke 9:23). This is where the adventure begins.



Worldly people on one hand think that Christians are soft, using the Bible as a crutch and living in fairy-tale land. On the other hand, they think Christians are unloving, judgmental and intolerable. Neither is true. Christians are wicked, black-hearted sinners who have been rescued from a path of (self) destruction. They have replaced shallowness with righteous faith. Following Jesus, opens Christians up to an awareness of God’s extravagant love and acceptance for his people. The

world rejects God and knows nothing of this. So, as we follow Jesus, we are to do what He does – share the Good News. Our mission is one of reconciliation to those who have not yet realized that God *loves* them, *wants* them, and is *willing to die* for them. Regardless of how hard people are, God knows how to soften the hardest hearts. (He softened yours!)

To be *profound*, we are to be deep, reflective, insightful, philosophical, and when the need arises, intense. These are the attributes Jesus displayed. These are the attributes followers of Jesus portray. These are attributes that we see in some of our legends of faith – The Apostle Paul, John Wycliffe, Martin Luther, George Whitefield, and Billy Graham. For these legends, the “Myth” of Jesus was real. To become profound Christians ourselves, we must also learn that “Jesus was a myth that came true”.

Pastor Robert

Celebrate Jesus on Easter

God sent Jesus to earth because He loves us. While He lived on earth, Jesus did many wonderful things. He made sick people well. He showed them how to be kind to each other and love one another. He taught God’s truth to everyone He met, and He forgave the bad things people did to Him and each other. But the best thing Jesus ever did was die on the cross to save us from our sins.

All His friends, called disciples, loved Jesus and believed He was God’s Son. But other people hated Jesus. They didn’t like to hear the truth He shared because they liked doing things their own way. They wanted to hurt Jesus and make Him go away.



KIDS CORNER

After Jesus ate supper with His disciples one evening, He went into the garden to pray. The men who didn’t like Jesus sent soldiers into the garden to arrest Him. The soldiers hurt Jesus and sent Him to die on the cross.

After Jesus died, they placed Him in a dark cave called a tomb and rolled a heavy stone in front of the cave entrance. Jesus’s disciples were very sad that they could not see Jesus anymore.

On the third day after His death, some of His friends went to the tomb and were shocked to find that the stone was rolled away, and the dark cave was empty!

His friends were scared and sad because they didn’t know what had happened to Jesus’s body. But then an angel appeared and told them that Jesus had risen from the dead! Their fear and sadness turned to excitement and joy. Jesus was alive! And He never died again. He is still alive today!

APRIL 2026

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

			1	2	3 Men's Bible Study 10 am  Good Friday Service, 6:30 pm	4
5 Communion Happy Easter! 	6	7 Worship Team Practice 5:30pm; Men's/Ladies Bible Study 7pm	8	9	10 Men's Bible Study 10 am	11
12	13	14 Worship Team Practice 5:30pm; Men's/Ladies Bible Study 7pm	15	16	17 Men's Bible Study 10 am	18
19  Monthly Birthday Celebration!	20	21 Worship Team Practice 5:30pm; Men's/Ladies Bible Study 7pm	22	23	24 Men's Bible Study 10 am	25
26	27	28 Worship Team Practice 5:30pm; Men's/Ladies Bible Study 7pm	29	30		

COMING SOON



Easter Brunch
Sunday, April 5



Sunday, May 10

GCC Birthdays This Month

Julio Barrows, Gloria Bowden, Kristopher Daye, Jr.

Foster Children Ministry

Male 17 years old 06/05/2008
Male 10 years old 12/10/2015
Male 1 month old 01/05/2026

If you would like to sponsor a child see Patricia Johnson

Charlotte County Senior Needs

Grace is supporting local DSS by donating the following items: Depends sizes Medium/Large, Boost, Ensure. See Yvette for more information.

Hospitality

Our fellowship meal is an extension of our service where we gather together to share the love of Jesus. The meal is served buffet style with guests and seniors going first. **VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED.** If you would like to help out by bringing food, setting up or cleaning up, please see Diana Matthews

Join Our Family

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Grace family, see Pastor Robert.

Supplemental Bag Ministry

Each month GCC prepares and distributes bags filled with paper products, cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene items to members of our community. Help is needed to pack and deliver bags as well as donation of items. For more information, see Patricia Johnson.

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