



17 March 2024

TO KILL A KING

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Think about the most tragic event in your generation. The Holocaust. Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The Khmer Rouge. Chernobyl. The 2008 financial crisis. The Covid pandemic. Scarcely would anyone call it good.

Now, think about the cross. Why do millions of Christians all over the world celebrate this terrible event and even call it good? What makes it good?

Every evil has a beginning. It was a long time coming. The religious leaders have had enough. To them, Jesus was insufferable. A mere man who claimed to be the Son of God. A dangerous revolutionary with no army. A king with no power. Surely, this was the time to finally put this charlatan to rest. It will be business as usual. Another “messiah” will be buried and forgotten. Order will be restored.

The dominos started to fall. No one would expect that he will be betrayed, in fact, sold by someone close to him. The pawn to cause this tragic downfall will be someone he called “friend.” We hear it said that “faithful are the wounds of a friend.” But this was no faithful friend, and this was no wound.

In the mind of Judas, Jesus was a sinking ship. Why side with someone on the road to death? Better to profit now than lose the chance. It was money for the man. Thirty pieces of silver for the head of Jesus. There, the Son of Man, full of glory and splendour, was reduced for a pittance.

Even the halls of justice were against Jesus. Despite declaring Jesus guiltless, Pilate bowed to the will of the people. “Release Barabbas” they cried, blind to the immorality of their request. The guilty and murderous Barabbas for the guiltless Jesus? At least, for Barabbas, it was his “lucky” day.

Again, we ask, why would anyone call Good Friday good? A just man died, accused by envious man, betrayed by his own, and falsely sent to die by public opinion. How can we call such an event good?

Putting things together, we might conclude this: that Jesus was simply at the wrong place at the wrong time.

But nothing could be further from the truth. God, in his infinite wisdom and knowledge, sent his Son into this world—to be accused by envious men, to be betrayed by his friend, to be sold for a pittance, and to be offered in exchange for a guilty man.

Jesus was no hapless victim to forces beyond his control. It was God’s sure and steady plan that prevailed that dark Friday. In the most horrible of evils, God was definitely at work. As Peter boldly preached, “... this Jesus, was delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless man (Acts 2:23).”

He endured bitter accusation. He endured the betrayal of a friend. He endured the shame of being sold for thirty pieces of silver. He endured the passionate jeers of the people. He endured the agonies of the cross. He endured the punishment for guilty Barabbas, for you and me. What for? He endured it all so that we could be reconciled to God.

That’s why it’s good.

Haniel Sinon
Assistant Shepherd



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

• INTERNSHIP

Wonder if full-time ministry is what you have been called to? Come explore under Gospel Light's Internship programme, especially tailored for those who are keen in shepherding/pastoral work. To find out more details on the application criteria, please visit our website at [Internship](#).

• GOOD FRIDAY 2024

Date: Fri, 29 Mar

Time: 9:00am and 11:00am

English Service: Shine Auditorium (L4)

Chinese Service: Gospel Auditorium (L2)

Children's Service*: Light Auditorium (L3) & Attic Level

**To book for Children's Service, please visit:*

<https://bit.ly/cmbooking>.

• ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING (ACM)

Our Annual Congregation Meeting will take place on

Date: Sat, 23 Mar

Venue: Gospel Auditorium (L2)

Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm, with breakfast from

9:00am onwards at L2 foyer

**For Members and Associate Members only.*

• JOB RECRUITMENT

Do you have a heart for missions and for connecting Christians who have a heartbeat to reach the lost? If so, join us to further the kingdom of God.

1. Connections Executive (Missions)

For more details of the job position, please visit our website at [Careers](#) or email Benita Teo at benita.teo@gospellight.sg.

• CHURCH CAMP 2024 – DAY-TRIPPER

Due to overwhelming response, we have managed to get 50 day-tripper slots from the hotel. These day-tripper slots do not include accommodation, transport or meals. If interested, please write to shine@gospellight.sg to enquire about day tripper rates (inclusive of hotel charges).



•SERVE WITH US! (USHERING, MARSHALLS, BEFRIENDING & KITCHEN)

Perhaps you've heard the appeal for workers. But thought I'm not gifted in that area. I'm not called to serve in that area of ministry. Using "Calling" as a reason can be dangerous, if you place your perceived 'calling' above the need to love our neighbours and serve one another in the body of Christ. But when we serve outside of our comfort zones, it reveals our weaknesses in ways that will cause us to come before the Lord in desperate need of help, so that He gets the glory.

To volunteer or find out how you can be part of our Ushering, Marshalling, Befriending or Kitchen teams, email us at shine@gospellight.sg.

•GLCC HUSBAND'S GROUP

As a Christian husband, do you know what is your role as leader of the household? How are you growing your family spiritually to go for the kingdom?

Come join the husband group gathering. Please WhatsApp Ken at 9783 0984 to find out more!

We meet every first Wednesday of the month.

Time: 7:30 pm

Venue: Hall 1, L2

•SEEKERS CLASS

Have you been seeking after God and He feels far away? Have you wondered if God really cares about you? Don't all religions teach you to do good to get to heaven? Perhaps these questions and others have been bugging you. Why not discuss this in a group setting by enrolling in the Seekers class?

Start date: Sun, 7 Apr

Time: 12:00 pm

Course duration: 6 Sundays

Venue: Hall 3, Attic

Register at <https://bit.ly/3SZlihy>.

Registration closes on Sun, 24 Mar

•MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Membership in Gospel Light is only for baptized believers of the Lord, and must be of age 16 and above. Attendance at both membership classes 1 & 2 is a prerequisite for membership application. Classes will be conducted on-site.

English

Date: Sun, 28 Apr & 5 May

Time: 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Chinese

Date: Sun, 28 Apr & 5 May

Time: 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

To register, please visit this link:

<https://bit.ly/MembershipClass>.

Registration closes on Sun, 31 Mar.





• **SILVERJOY (SENIORS) MINISTRY**

Every chapter of life is a gift from God. And our ministry for seniors celebrates that gift. SilverJoy isn't just a place for seniors to gather, it's a spiritual community of friendship and support.

Invite your pre-believing friends, neighbours or family members.

Date: 1st & 3rd Wed of the month
 Time: 9:45am - 12:30pm
 Venue: Connections Corner (L1)

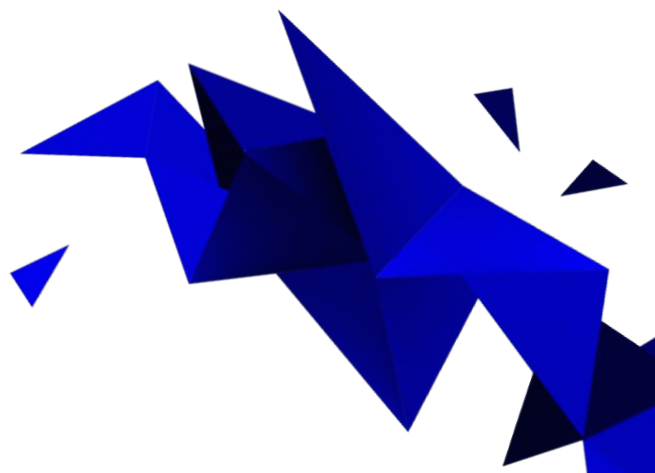
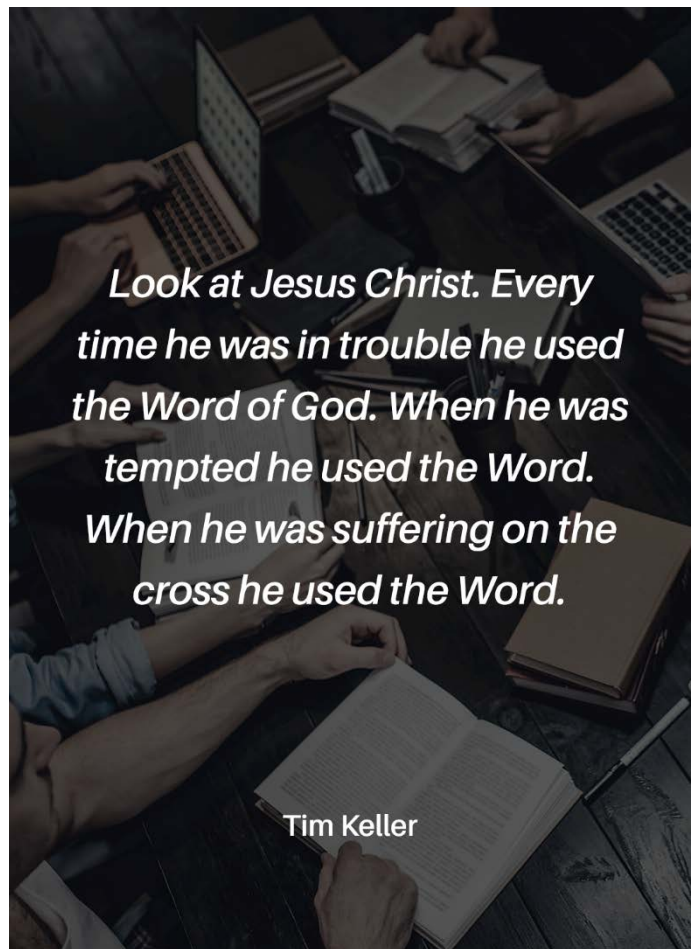
Upcoming events coming your way. Join us!
 Contact CE at 9753 7964 for enquiries

Date	Programme
20/3/2024	Fun Times
03/4/2024	A Walk Through Memory Lane
17/4/2024	Game, Art & Craft

• **EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN**

This Tuesday, 19 Mar, we will study John 6:60-71 and learn about the Words of eternal life. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 19 Mar
 Time: 8:00pm
 Join Zoom Meeting
<https://bit.ly/3pd7C7T>
 Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760
 Passcode: 211761





WORSHIP SERVICE

- **Wednesday Prayer Meetings – 8pm**

Venue: Hall 3, Attic

- **Sunday Prayer Meetings – 7:45am**

Venue: Cry Room at Shine Auditorium (L4)

If you are interested to receive our weekly prayer list, please email shine@gospellight.sg

(A)Worship Services

Congregational Service	Day and Time	Livestream Link
English @ Shine Auditorium (L4)	Sunday at 8:30am, 10:15am and 12:00pm	https://bit.ly/3SH45uZ (only available at 10:15am)
Chinese @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 8:30am and 10:15am	http://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT (only available at 10:15am)
Filipino @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 2pm	http://bit.ly/30FjYFU
Youth @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Saturday at 4:30m No service on 4 th & 5 th week	Subscribe to Youth announcement channel https://t.me/+Yd524QzAjKk2Yzll
Varsity @ Light 1 & 2 (L3)	Sunday at 2:30pm	Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel https://t.me/+WDu3myEwjpcxZWU1
Bahasa @ Reception Room (L1)	Alternate Sunday at 10:30am	For more information about our services contact 9628 5061/ 9117 6000
Telugu @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 5pm and 7:30pm	http://bit.ly/30G4fXI

(B) Children Service

Children's services are at **8:30am and 10:15am**:

- (i) Playgroup (12 months - 35 months): Hall 3 at Attic Level
- (ii) Preschool (36 months - 6 years): Eshkol Valley premise at Attic Level
- (iii) Primary (Primary 1 to Primary 6): Light Auditorium at Level 3

BOOKING FOR PRESCHOOL/ PRIMARY SERVICES

Bookings opens on Wed, 8:30am for 1st service and Wed, 10:15am for 2nd Service

- Follow this link to complete your booking: bit.ly/cmbooking
- Bookings will be valid till the respective service start time, thereafter they will be released for walk-ins.
- Children with no bookings are welcome to walk-in but subject to available capacity

A step-by-step guide and FAQ can be found at bit.ly/cmbookingfaq. For assistance email us at children@gospellight.sg.



You may give your offerings in the following ways:

1) PayNow

Under the UEN/Bill Reference No. section you can:

- State "NA" - Offering will go towards General Fund
- State Missions - To designate the offering

(a) Via "Scan and Pay"

- Open up your bank app and select "Scan and Pay"
- Scan the QR code below:



(b) PayNow UEN

You can also opt to key in the UEN:

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2) Internet Banking

- Add payee as Gospel Light Christian Church
- Account Number: **033-021695-5**
- Name of Beneficiary Bank: DBS Bank
- Under the Remarks section, you can leave it blank for the offering to go towards the General Fund or indicate Missions if you want to designate the offering.

3) Cheque

- Crossed cheque made payable to "Gospel Light Christian Church"
- On the reverse of the cheque, write **Gospel Light Christian Church** and the respective bank account numbers:
 - General Fund - **033-021695-5**
 - Missions Fund - **001-042653-2**
- Cheques can be deposited at any POSB or DBS bank into the church's accounts.

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