

# The Enemy - Religion

## Matthew 12:1-8

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*"he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool" (Hebrews 10:13).*

**How does a relationship with Jesus defeat religion?**

#### Rest over Burdens

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28 & 30).*

How hard is it for others to follow you?

*"And you experts in the law, woe to you, because you load people down with burdens they can hardly carry, and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them" (Luke 11:46).*

#### Benevolence over Self-Preservation

*"For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it" (Matthew 16:25).*

How are you giving your life to give life to others?

*"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world" (James 1:27).*

#### Sincerity over Hypocrisy

*"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules" (Matthew 15:8-9).*

Is your heart engaged in your worship?

*"You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel" (Matthew 23:24).*

#### Mercy over Judgment

*"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin" (John 8:11).*

Is there a rock in your hand?

*"I tell you that something greater than the temple is here. If you had known what these words mean, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice'" (Matthew 12:6).*



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**Welcome to Living Creek!**

It's a joy to have you worshiping with us.

Helping people follow Jesus

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**Living Creek**  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## TODAY

This month, we would like to encourage you to lift up in prayer our partners at **American Border Ministries**. Located in Eagle pass, TX, this group is working with Iglesia de Cristo training pastors to minister in Latino churches on the border. We specifically pray for Phyllis Garza, the late Ranulfo's wife, as she continues his ministry legacy. More information can be found on our website under the Ministries tab.

Remember, you can check out the **building parameters** for our next location at [livingcreek.org/our-future](http://livingcreek.org/our-future).

## LOOKING AHEAD

Come join us for the next **Prayer Night** at The Well on **Tuesday, April 1** at **7 PM**.

The **Monee Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on **April 12** at Firemens Park. We have been asked to donate completed, ready-to-go Easter baskets for ages 1-17. The deadline for basket donations is **April 6**.

**Palm Sunday** is **April 13**. The Coffee Corner Ministry will serve refreshments after each service.

**Good Friday** is **April 18**. Jews for Jesus will be presenting a Seder Service. The livestream & in-person service will be at **6:30 PM**.

**Easter** services on **April 20** will be at **8, 9:30** (Livestream) & **11 AM**.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**The Well** meets **TONIGHT**, from **6-8 PM**. Our new series is *The Last Words of Jesus*. Tonight's lesson is "My God, My God, Why Have You Abandoned Me?" Even in tough times, God is **always** with us.

Registration for **Summer Camps at Little Galilee** is open! We're going to **HS1 Main June 22-27** and **JH3 Main July 6-11**. By using code **LCCC75D** when registering, you will save \$75 and your cost will be \$155 for the entire week. Go to [littlegalilee.org/registration](http://littlegalilee.org/registration) to register **NOW!** A \$30 down payment will hold your spot. **Only boys spots are available for HS1 Main. There is a waiting list for girls.**

## FINANCIAL UPDATES

Our weekly budgeted need for the General Fund is \$9,560. The average weekly giving for February was \$10,270. The Greater Things fund balance is \$549,585.

## SERVING OPPORTUNITY

If you are interested in making phone calls or visiting people in need, write "**Shut-in Ministry**" on your Communication Card and someone from the Church Office will contact you.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Smart Phone & Tablet Users** can follow today's message and scriptures on the **Bible** app. Click on More > Events and Search for Living Creek to follow along.

Have you joined our online directory: **Church Community Builder (CCB)?** Visit [livingcreek.ccbchurch.com](http://livingcreek.ccbchurch.com) to take a look!

### **The Lord's Supper**

If you are a Christian, we invite you to join us in receiving the Lord's Supper (gluten-free communion is available). There are two stations in the back of the room. We use a two-cup system. The bottom cup contains the bread and the top cup contains the juice.



### **Giving**

*We also invite you to continue in worship with your giving as a sign of support for our ministry. You may mail in or drop off your gifts at the Church Office. Online giving is available by scanning the QR code or via our website at [livingcreek.org](http://livingcreek.org) > Contribute.*

### **What's your Next Step?**

Find it at [livingcreek.org](http://livingcreek.org) > Welcome > Your Next Step.



Our **Online Communication Card** is now available! Do you have a **prayer request, praise or comment?** Are you ready to take your **next step?** Would you like more information about **baptism or membership?** We'd love to hear from you! Scan the QR code to connect with us.

### **Worship Service Experiences**

- **Livestreaming** at 9:30 AM on YouTube
- **Online** at [livingcreek.org](http://livingcreek.org)
- **Children's Worship Service** at 11 AM (Birth - 5th grade) at The Wave, 4854 W Court ST, Monee
- **Worship Service** at 9:30 & 11 AM at The Well, 4840 W Court ST, Monee

#### **Ministry Center/Office**

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