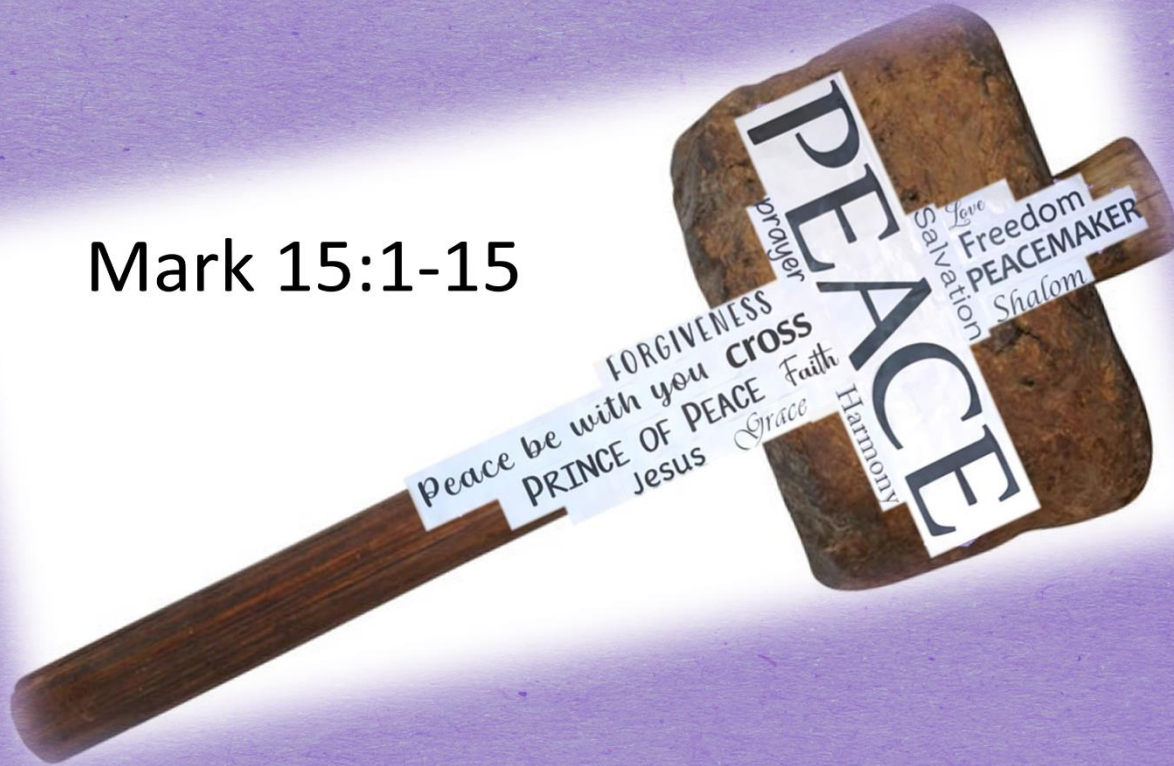


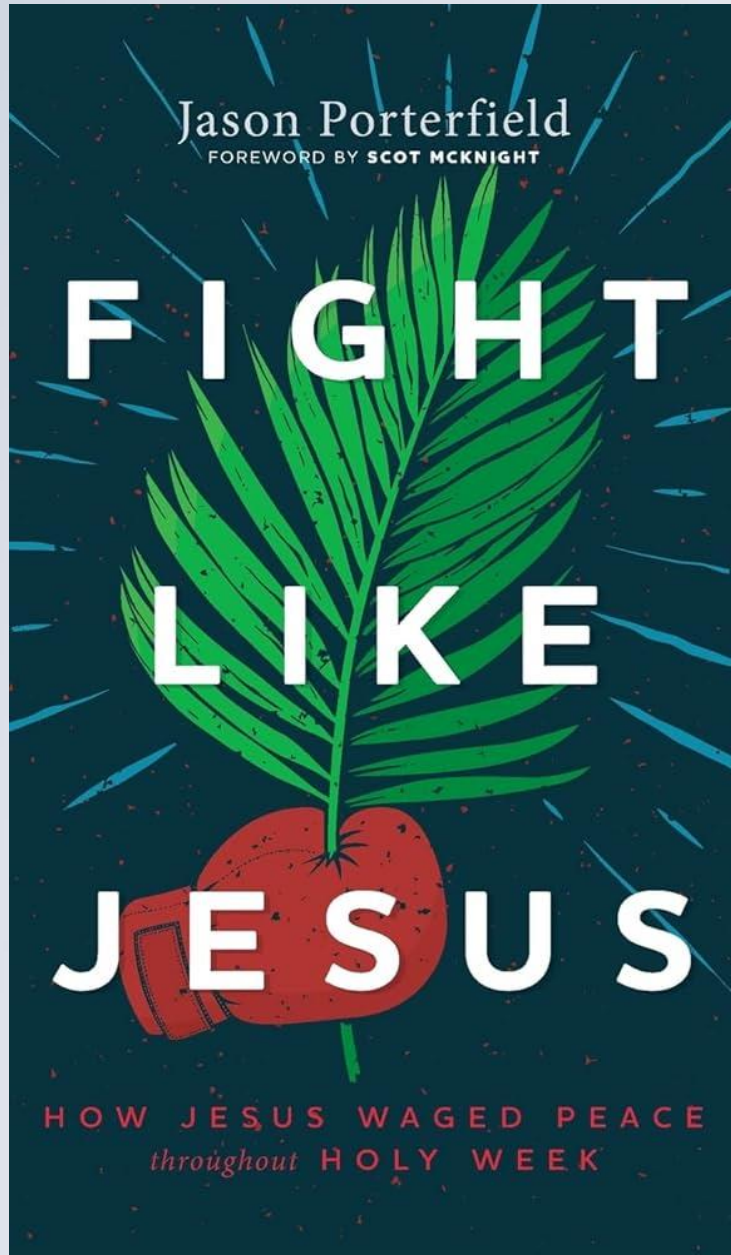
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Mark 15:1-15



Hammer of Peace

# Good Friday



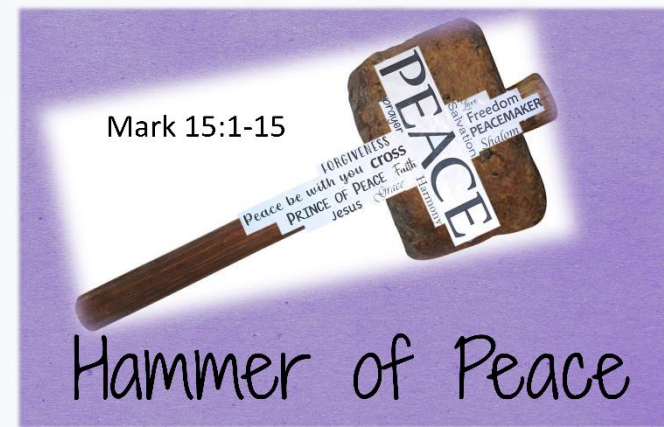




# Good Friday

Mark 15:1-15 (NIV)

*Throughout Holy Week, two competing ways of making peace collide. And now, as two rival messiahs stand before us, we must choose between the two approaches to peacemaking they represent. This is the fundamental decision confronting us on Good Friday. ...*





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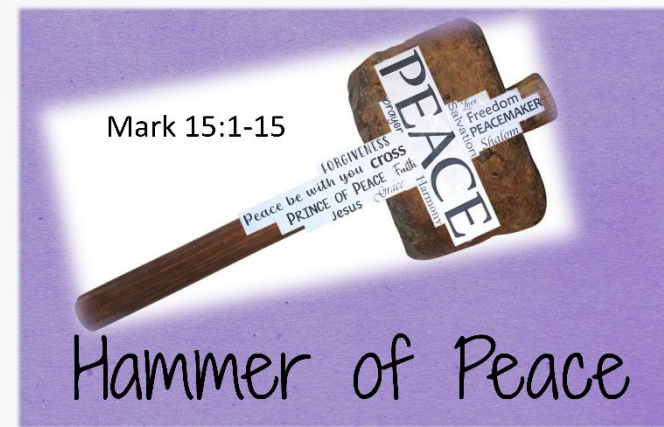
Mark 15:1-15 (NIV)

## Jesus Barabbas

Vengeance  
Violence  
Vindictive  
Hammer of Force  
Quick fix

## Jesus of Nazareth

Passion  
Peace  
Passive  
Hammer of Peace  
??



# Good Friday

Luke 3:21-23 (NIV)

21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

23 Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry.









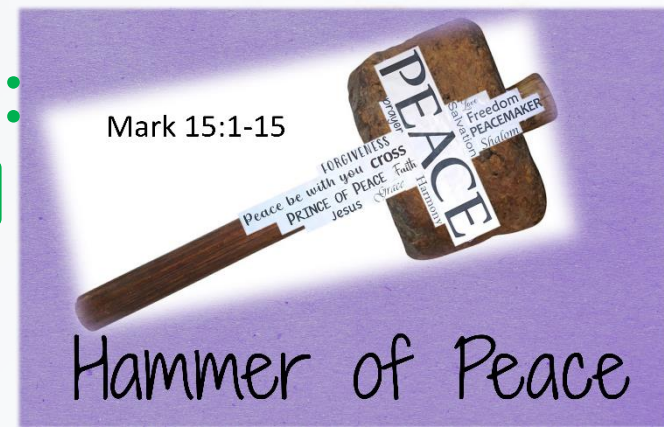


# Good Friday

Luke 4:1-13 (NIV)

9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “**throw yourself down** from here. 10 For it is written: “He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully ...””

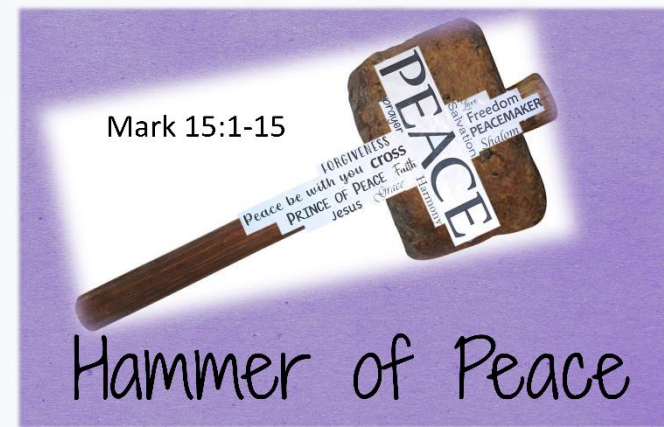
12 Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”



# Good Friday

Luke 4:14-30 (NIV)

## Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

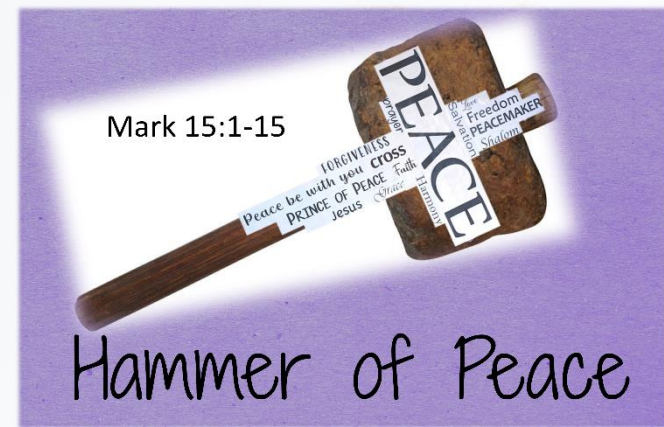




# Good Friday

Mark 15:1-15 (NIV)

*On the first Passover, God **liberated** the people of Israel **from Egyptian enslavement**. ... They spent the next forty years wandering the desert as God worked tirelessly to **liberate** them from their **harmful ways of living** and **mistaken beliefs** about what God is like. (p. 147)*







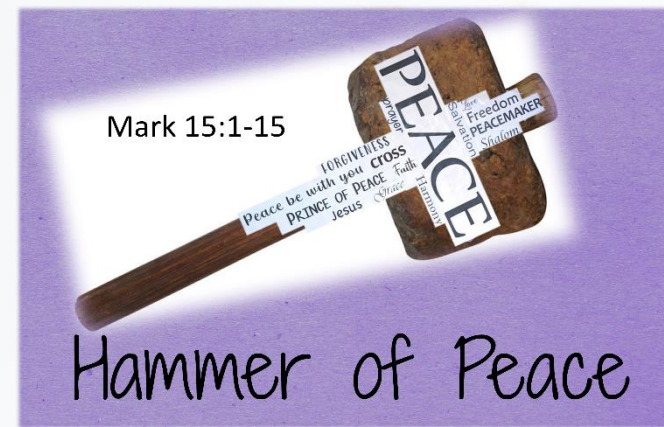


# Good Friday

Mark 15:1-15 (NIV)

15 Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, made their plans. So they bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.

2 “Are you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate. “You have said so,” Jesus replied.

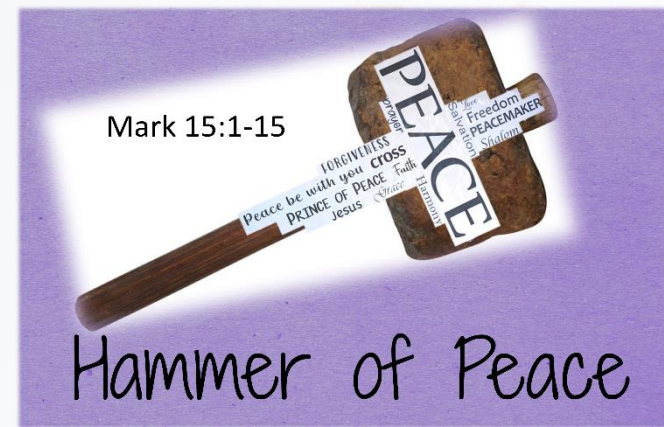




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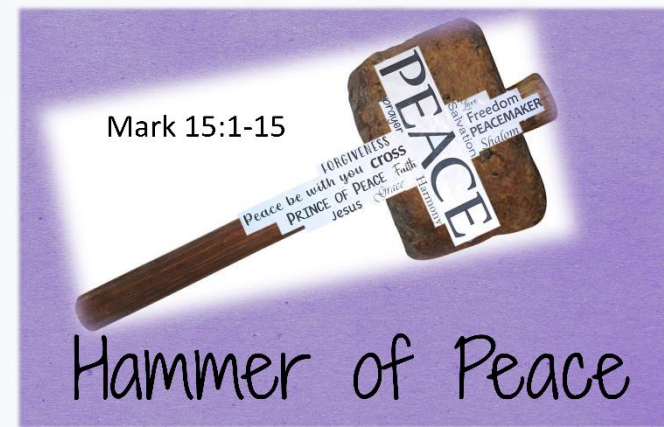
6 Now it was the custom at the festival to release a prisoner whom the people requested. 7 A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. 8 The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.



# Good Friday

Mark 15:1-15 (NIV)

9 “Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate, 10 knowing it was out of self-interest that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. 11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.



# Good Friday

Mark 15:1-15 (NIV)

12 “What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?” Pilate asked them. 13 “Crucify him!” they shouted. 14 “Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!” 15 Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.



# Good Friday

Luke 23:34 (NIV)

34 Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”



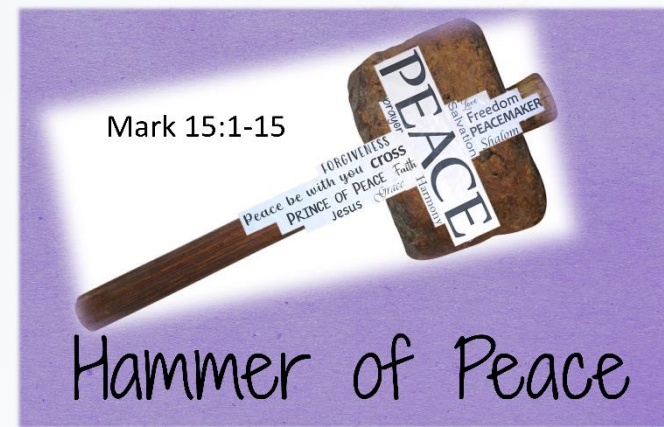




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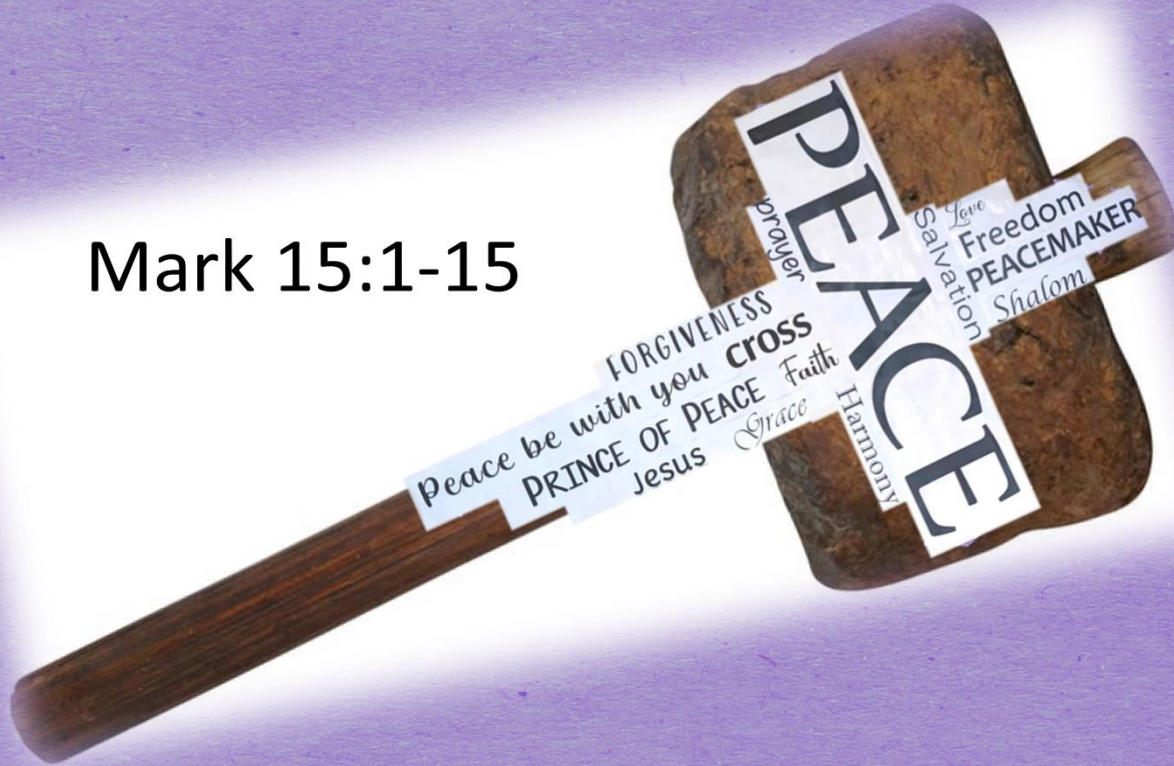
**Lesson 2: To embrace Jesus' way of making peace, Christlike peacemakers must reject the Barabbas alternative.**





# Sermon

Mark 15:1-15



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