**Message Series: Jesus Is**

**Today: Scandalous Grace**

1. **Do You Know Grace?**
2. The grace of Jesus Christ is unparalleled.

***John 1:14, 17***

*14The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

*17For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*

1. Jesus pictures grace through stories and analogies.

***Luke 5:30-31***

*“Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”*

*Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 32I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”*

1. The cross of Christ is the crystallization of grace.

***Mark 8:31***

*He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.*

***Romans 3:21-26***

*21But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22This righteousness is given through faith inJesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, 23for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. 25God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— 26he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.*

1. Jesus offers grace and Jesus compels you to respond.

Faith

Repentance

Baptism

Repentance

**2. Jesus Is …**

1. Jesus is the center of history.
2. Jesus is the focus of Scripture.
3. Jesus is the heart of our mission.
4. Jesus is the purpose of your life.