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June 27, 2021

MATTHEW

Truly I Say To You



welcome

our purpose

We are delighted that you joined us today! Our purpose is to glorify God by making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. Our ministry vision is to love God with all that we are, and love others as much as we love ourselves.

As you worship with us today, you'll notice how often we reference the gospel of Jesus Christ. We don't have it all figured out, but we know that God saves sinners through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Please join us as we exalt God by singing about his greatness and as we seek to know more about him from the Bible.

the gospel

You will hear us talk about the gospel a lot. Actually it is the center of everything we do here at Highlands.

1. **God** - the only all-knowing, all-powerful King and Creator of all things. He created us to enjoy and glorify him forever. [Psalm 19:1-2; Romans 1:18-32]
2. **Sin** - Yet, we rejected God, and established ourselves as gods of our lives, separating ourselves from Him, and becoming objects of His wrath. In so doing we also unleashed sin, sickness, death and evil. [Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 5:12-14]
3. **Christ** - In God's unparalleled mercy and grace, He already had a plan to reconcile us to Himself. The entire Old Testament points to the coming of the Messiah - revealed in the New Testament as Jesus Christ. [John 1; Ephesians 2:4-7; Romans 3:21-26]
4. **Response** - None of this is effective for us unless we respond in two ways: repent/turn from our self control and sin [Mark 1:15], and believe in the gospel [John 3:16-18]. We are then given new life in Christ, forgiven, justified, adopted into God's family, and we persevere in the faith. [1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Matthew 24:13; Ephesians 4:1]

kingdom kids

We love kids at Highlands!

Kids will be dismissed to downstairs before the sermon. Please see one of our security team at the check-in desk for more info.
Current Classes: Explorers (0-2)
Discoverers (2-3) and Adventurers (4-Grade 2)

coming up

- **See the Events Page on our website or app for more info!**
- Monday Night Care Group - tomorrow night, 7pm - upstairs in Loffice
- Wednesdays: Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - IN PERSON at Sussex Diner.
- Pastor Mike's Sabbatical - June 28th - Aug 9th
- Next Member Meeting - Sunday, August 22nd
- Baptism Service - Sunday, August 29th
- Fall Picnic/BBQ - Sunday, September 19th after service
- Elder Meetings - 2nd Tuesday Monthly - prayers appreciated!

finances

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| General Offering - May 2021 | \$ 21,713.17 |
| Designated Gifts - May 2021 | \$ 445.25 |
| YTD General Offering thru May 2021 | \$ 110,814.87 |
| 2021 Budget | \$ 314,511.00 |

Thank you so much for your generous gifts to the ministry of the church at Highlands, our giving box is in the back at the welcome table. Additionally, you can give anytime online at www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give

Or you can mail a check to Highlands Bible Church, 307 Route 94, Vernon, NJ 07462.

Questions? info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org or see Chris Deming.

worship guide

June 27, 2021

Welcome to worship!

Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 8:28-34. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. And he did not permit him but said to him, “Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.”

(Mark 5:18-20 ESV)

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What have been your thoughts on evil spirits? Are they real? How do they relate to the authority of Jesus?
- Look at Ephesians 2:1-3 again - think about how we are all under the power of sin until set free by Christ. How can you relate to this?
- How does the picture of Jesus the Warrior conflict with the idea of Jesus as the compassionate healer? How are they related?
- What comfort is the sovereignty of God in the fight against evil and sin? What specific ways do you need to trust him today?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Matthew 9:1-8

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Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing | Be Thou My Vision |
It Is Well | A Mighty Fortress is Our God |

sermon notes

June 27, 2021

MATTHEW 8:28-34

God Over Evil

1. Throwing Down the Gauntlet. [8:28-29; Ephesians 2:1-3; 1 John 3:8b]

Jesus comes to defeat evil.

2. Go. [8:30-32]

Evil brings destruction.

3. The Aftermath and the Hope. [8:33-34; Mark 5:14-20; James 4:7]

Big Idea: God the Son sets us free from evil’s destruction.