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September 12, 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 - cancelled tomorrow night - Happy Labor Day!
- Wednesdays: Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Sussex Diner
- **Next Steps Class - TONIGHT, 6pm!**
- Fall Picnic BYO lunch - Sunday, September 19th after service
- Ladies Bible Study - starts Tuesday, September 21st
- My Brother's Place Golf Outing - Friday, October 1st
- MidWeek Study returns - Wednesday, October 6th @ 6pm
- Today's Choice Walk for Life - Saturday, October 9th
- Fall Workday - Saturday, October 16th - 8am-12pm
- Elder Meetings - 2nd Tuesday Monthly - prayers appreciated!

finances

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| General Offering - Aug 2021 | \$ 25,108.53 |
| Designated Gifts - Aug 2021 | \$ 425.25 |
| YTD General Offering thru Aug 2021 | \$ 181,104.80 |
| 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

September 12, 2021

Welcome to worship! Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 12:1-14. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit”

(Romans 8:3–4 ESV)

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What do you think most people think Christians are to do? Would it be more about rule following than living in grace? Why?
- Look at the statements of Jesus in v6 and v8 - what jumps out at you in these massive claims? Why?
- What are your experiences/understandings of “the” Jewish Sabbath? What similarities and differences are there biblically today in the church of Jesus?
- How are we to relate with fellow believers with different convictions? [See Romans 14:1-6]
- Share how you approach Sundays/Lord’s Day. Do you have any guidelines or practices in place to help your family prioritize and protect worship and rest?
- How can we practically cultivate more joy and rest in Jesus?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Matthew 12:15-21.

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Build My Life | Living Hope |

Behold the Lamb | Turn Your Eyes | I Will Wait for You [Psalm 130]

sermon notes

September 12, 2021

MATTHEW 12:1-14

Whose Law is it Anyway?

1. The Wheat, David and The Priests [12:1-8; Exodus 20:8-11; 31:13-17; Hosea 9:6; Romans 8:3-4]

Jesus is Lord of God’s Law.

2. The Hand and the Sheep [12:9-14; Mark 2:27-28]

Big Idea: The gospel does what religion can’t.