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September 26, 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, 7pm upstairs
- Wednesdays: Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Sussex Diner
- Ladies Bible Study - Tuesdays, 7pm upstairs
- My Brother's Place Golf Outing - Friday, October 1st
- Prayer Meeting - Sunday, October 3rd - 6pm upstairs
- MidWeek Study returns - Wednesday, October 13th @ 6pm
- Today's Choice Walk for Life - Saturday, October 9th
- New Care Group starts Sunday, Oct 10th at 4pm - upstairs
- Fall Workday - Saturday, October 16th - 8am-12pm
- Men's Breakfast - Saturday, October 30th - 8am-11am - sign up today!
- Elder Meetings - 2nd Tuesday Monthly - prayers appreciated!

finances

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 26, 2021

Welcome to worship! Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 12:22-32. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. *By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.*”
(1 John 4:1-4 ESV)

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What do you think the common perception of demons is? Why?
- What are the purposes of Jesus’ miracles?
- Think of your testimony of coming to faith - was there a time you outright rejected Jesus? How was your heart softened?
- What ways do we see our culture increasingly blaspheming God?
- Look at 1 John 1:5-10 and identify the different responses to the gospel.
- How can we be encouraged today that God’s Kingdom can’t be stopped?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Matthew 12:33-37.

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I Will Glory in My Redeemer | Holy, Holy, Holy | All Glory Be to Christ

sermon notes

September 19, 2021

MATTHEW 12:22-32

Jesus and Beelzubul

1. Jesus vs. Demons, Again. [12:22-29; Ephesians 2:1-3; 1 John 4:4]

We see the supremacy of God over evil in Jesus Christ.

2. Gathering and Scattering. [12:30]

The gospel of Jesus either softens or hardens hearts.

3. The Unforgivable Sin? [12:31-32; 1 John 1:5-10]

If you reject Jesus you are rejecting God.

Big Idea: God’s Kingdom cannot be stopped.