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LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

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CARE GROUPS

WHERE: Highlands Bible Church

WHEN: Mondays at 7PM

HOSTED BY: Ken Menzel

WHERE: Vernon/565

WHEN: First Friday, Monthly

HOSTED BY: The Baxters

CALL: 201-230-7372

WHERE: Mason's Westtown NY

WHEN: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 4pm

HOSTED BY: Pastor Mike Ruel

WHERE: Highlands Bible Church

WHEN: Biweekly

HOSTED BY: Bryan & Alyssa Beadle

CALL: 845-707-5965 [Bryan]

Family Friendly Group!

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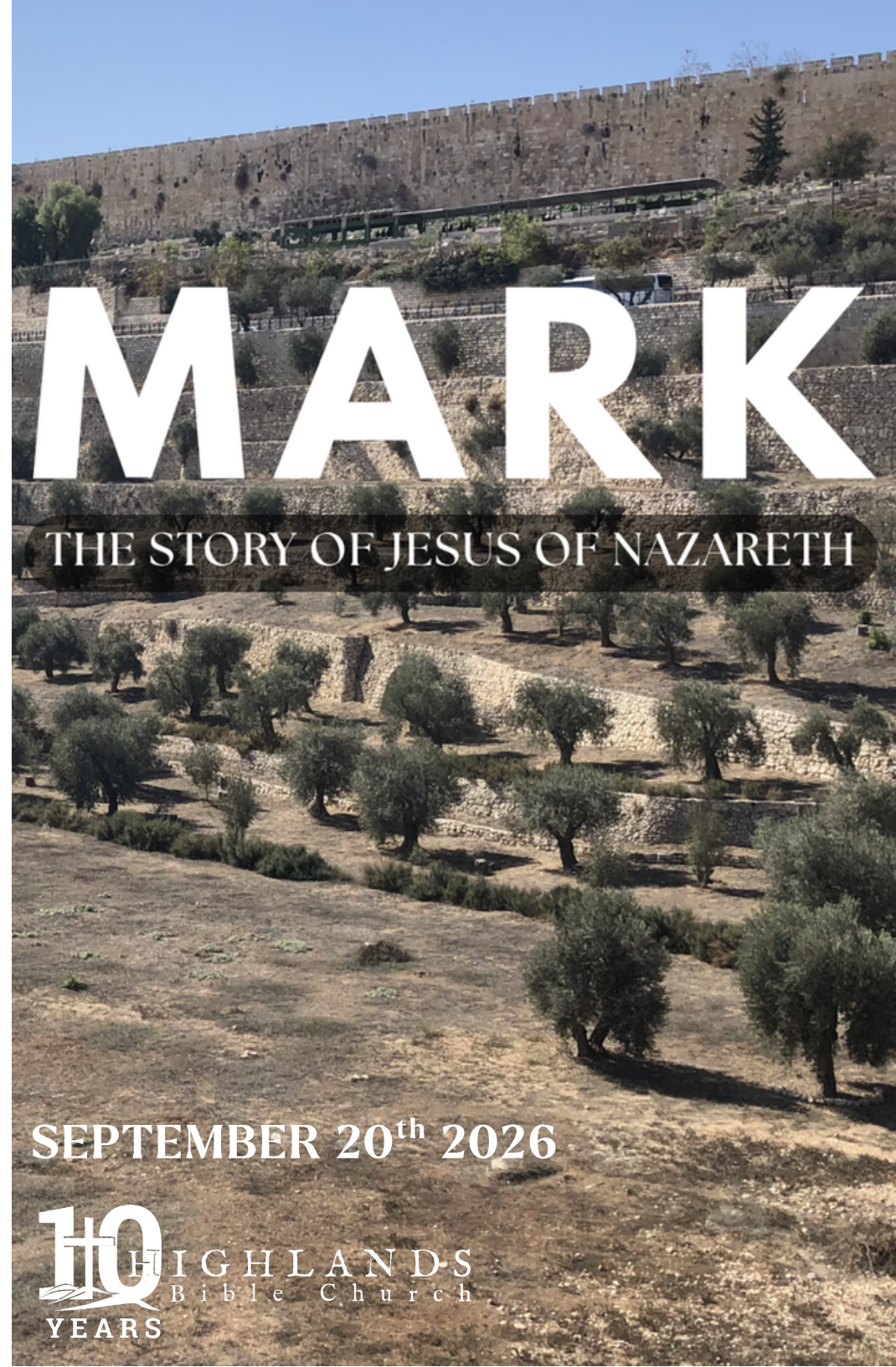
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THE STORY OF JESUS OF NAZARETH

SEPTEMBER 20th 2026



OUR VISION & MISSION

We are delighted that you joined us today! Our ministry vision is to love God and love others. The best way to do that is through our mission - bring glory to God by making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ.

CONNECT WITH US!



Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. Please scan the QR code above to fill out a Connect Card and keep up to date on all our news and events.

THE GOSPEL

THE CENTER OF EVERYTHING WE DO AT HIGHLANDS

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]

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]

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]

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-Kindergarten) and Navigators (1st-3rd grade). Infant nursery care is available for the full service, see Check-In Team!

HIGHLANDS HAPPENINGS

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR FULL INFO!



MEMBER MEETING - Today after service

20/30s CARE GROUP - Today @ 2PM @ Pastor Matt's

MONDAY NIGHT CARE GROUP - Mondays @ 7pm

TUES MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY - Tuesdays @ 9AM

TUES PM LADIES BIBLE STUDY - starts Tuesday @ 7pm!

WED MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - 7AM @ Sussex Airport Diner

THE WHOLE CHRIST - MIDWEEK STUDY - Wednesdays @ 7pm
(incl. childcare)

FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - 7am @ Crystal Cafe

10th ANNIVERSARY PICNIC - Sunday, Sept 27th after service

FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



GENERAL OFFERING, Aug 2026 (Goal \$33,000 /mo)	\$35,042.03
YTD GENERAL OFFERING	\$290,762.26
YTD GOAL	\$270,000.00
2026 TOTAL BUDGET	\$405,007.00
NEHEMIAH FUND, To Date	\$604,295.13
BENEVOLENCE, To Date	\$15,321.07
CEAF, To Date	\$12,756.66

Our giving box is in the back at the welcome table. You can also give anytime online at www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org

Questions? Email us at info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org!

WORSHIP GUIDE

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! As you prepare your heart for worship this morning, please consider reading and prayerfully reflecting on the following:



SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Call to Worship: Psalm 136:1-3
- Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-22



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- How are we to respond when Jesus calls us in faith? Do we respond as the disciples did? Or do we make excuses?
- Given Jesus' authority in His teaching, how should we value His Words in the Scriptures? What weight should they carry in our lives?
- What does Jesus' casting out of the demon show us regarding the breadth of His power? Does this prove His divinity?
- Next Week: Mark 1:29-45



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Give Praise to Jesus | Give Me Jesus |
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus | Blessed Be Your Name |
The Old Rugged Cross

SERMON NOTES

Mark 1:16-28 | All Authority

1. Time to Go [1:16-20; John 1:35-42; 6:37; 10:3-4; Luke 9:57-62]

Jesus is authoritative in his call to faith.

2. No One Ever Taught Like This [1:21-22; Matthew 5:17; 21-22:7:28-29; 28:18-20; Ephesians 1:19-23; 2 Timothy 3:16]

Jesus is authoritative in his teaching.

3. Strange Things are Afoot at the Synagogue [1:23-28; James 4:7; 1 Timothy 4:1-2; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15]

Jesus is authoritative in his power over evil.

Big Idea: Jesus' authority proclaims his identity.