

Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Pray for Sam who fell and broke his hip, and had to have a partial replacement, and is now in recovery. He also broke his finger. Please continue to pray for Jerry Jamroz, who has bone cancer.

MISSIONARIES: This month pray for Janyne Johnston.

FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Each week we'll pray for a different family in our church. This week pray for Dylan.

HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS: Pray that the church would continue to stay unified under Christ. Pray for our livestream and for the people joining us there. Pray for Casa Del Alfarero, the Spanish-speaking Missionary Church 5 minutes from our building.

CURRENT HAPPENINGS: Pray for the war in Israel. Pray for the war in Ukraine. Pray for all of the damage and those affected from the recent storms.

Numbers

Attendance

In-person on 4/6/25:

Online views (through 4/11): 18

Giving

Online: (4/1/25-4/6/25): \$80 for general

In-Person on 4/6/25: \$450 for general, \$120 for missions



Give Online

Rather view this information on your phone?
Feel free to scan this Q.R. code to view this on the Bible app! For future reference, we always have the QR code posted at the main entrance that will take you to that week's event in the Bible app!



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Matthew 21:8-9

Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"



Welcome!

April 13th, 2025

Whether you're a guest or a long-time attendee we're glad you're here with us. We're a friendly and caring group of Christians who are here to help people be CONNECTED with Jesus, CHANGED by Jesus, and COMMITTED to the mission of Jesus.

GUESTS: Thanks for joining us today! We truly believe that you're not here by accident and that God has some amazing plans for your life. If you'd like some information about who we are and how to get plugged in here at Hillside, please fill out the "I'm New" page on our website, which can be found by the QR code to the right.



EMAIL LIST: If you would like to receive prayer requests, announcements, and our weekly email, feel free to scan the QR code above. It will take you to the "I'm New" page on our website, where you can fill out your name, phone number, and email.

SERMON SERIES: Happy Palm Sunday! We are currently going through a sermon series in the Gospel of Matthew. Today, we're talking about the moment where Jesus comes into Jerusalem.

Announcements

TESTIMONIES: We would love to hear what God has done and is doing in your life! If you would like to share, we are making short videos (3-5 minutes) to be shown during service on Sunday. If you are interested in participating, please talk to Pastor Josh.

MOVIE NIGHT: We will be watching *War Room*, a movie about prayer, here at the church on Sunday, April 27th, at 6:30pm. Join us for the evening! Please note the date change from earlier!

BAPTISM: Are you interested in getting baptized? We would love to celebrate with you! Please talk to Pastor Josh for more details.

PRAIRIE CAMP: Information about our denominational camp can be found at the welcome counter! There are camps for kids throughout the summer, and family camp is happening on July 13th-19th. We hope to see you there!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: We encourage you to attend and participate in this year's National Day of Prayer event happening at the Battell Center in Mishawaka on Thursday May 1st.

Opportunities to Help

TECH: Our worship team is looking for someone who would like to run sound and/or slides. Please see Pastor Josh.

WORSHIP TEAM: Would you like to help out on the worship team? Please see Carolyn Dodd for details.

PRAYER GUIDE: Will you be in prayer for Hillside? Prayer guides are available at the welcome counter. Also, if you would like to be a prayer advocate, please see Pastor Josh.

MAINTENANCE TEAM: Would you like to help out on the maintenance team? We need help inside and outside the building. Please see Jeff Soule for details.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

Matthew

FROM TAX COLLECTOR TO APOSTLE

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Matt. 5:17, Zach. 9:9, Dan. 9:24-27, John 1:29, Is. 53:7, Ex. 12:5, 14, 17,
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Rom. 12:2, Heb. 1:3, Prov. 3:5-6, Ps. 139:23-24
4. Allow God to do His _____ in your life
Eph. 3:20-21, 2 Cor. 5:17, Ez. 36:26, Phil. 1:6
5. Avoid allowing others' to push you away from ____
Rom. 8:38-39, 2 Pet. 3:17, Gal. 1:6-10, 2 Tim. 3:1-9
6. Accept Jesus as your _____ Lord and Savior
Rom. 3:23, 6:23, John 3:16-17, Acts 2:38, Rom. 10:9-10, John 1:12, Eph. 2:8-9
7. Allow God's _____ to change who you are
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- Have you ever read or heard about this before? What stood out to you as we were talking about it?
- What surprised you as we talked about it?
- Have you ever been tempted to walk away from Jesus before? What happened?

Diving In

1. Have you ever experienced a season of your life where your faith was built on mainly emotions? What happened? Has there been anyone in your life that walked away from Jesus because their faith was built on mainly emotions?
2. How does understanding how Jesus fulfills the Old Testament help to solidify your faith? How can you better remember what Jesus has done for you?
3. How can you avoid the mistake of boxing God into your own agenda, like the crowd in this story?
4. How can you allow God to do His work in your life?
5. Have you ever been pushed away from God because of what other people have done? What happened? How can you avoid that same mistake in the future?
6. Where do you stand with Jesus today? If you're not following Him, what's stopping you? If you are, how can you help those around you to also follow Him?
7. How could God's peace change who you are? Spend some time in prayer asking for God's help with that.

Applying the Scripture

What are your biggest takeaways from this passage of God's Word?

- What practical step(s) do you need to implement in your life to apply what God has taught you in this passage of Scripture?
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