

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 Jamrozy, 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 the Savills..

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 3/30/25: 52

Online views (through 4/3): 10

Giving

Online: (3/24/25-3/30/25): \$290 for general

In-Person on 3/30/25: \$2678 for general



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 21:3

If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once."



Welcome!

April 6th, 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: We are currently going through a sermon series in the Gospel of Matthew. Today, we're talking about a moment where Jesus teaches us an important lesson on being faithful to His calling.

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

Week 60 - Matthew 21:1-7 - 4/6/25

How to do what God is calling you to do

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2. _____ the calling with Scripture
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3. Don't let _____ get in the way
Matt. 21:2-3, 2 Cor. 10:5, Heb. 4:12, 1 Pet. 1:14-15, Matt. 25:24-26, Luke 14:18-20
4. Remember that God has been _____ this
Matt. 21:2-3, Eph. 2:10, Est. 4:14, Gen. 45:7-8, 50:20, Rom. 8:28, Acts 2:23, Zech. 9:9, Dan. 9:24-27
5. Understand that God's calling won't go _____
Matt. 21:2, 6, Rom. 11:29, Jonah 1-3, Num. 23:19, Mal. 3:6, 1 Tim. 4:14, 2 Tim. 1:12
6. Realize that God has given you _____ you need
Matt. 21:2-3, 2 Pet. 1:3, 2 Cor. 9:8, Rom. 4:21, 1 Pet. 5:10, 2 Tim. 1:9, Eph. 3:20-21
7. Don't keep your calling to _____
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Reflecting on God's Word

Getting Started

- Take some time to read over Matthew 21:1-7 and pray.
- 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?
- What thoughts might have been going through Jesus' disciples' minds when they heard Jesus telling two of them to go and get the donkey and colt?
- Have you felt led by God to do something before? What was it? Were you faithful to God's calling or not?

Diving In

1. By now, the disciples are used to Jesus calling them to do things that don't totally make sense (Read John 2:7-8, Luke 5:4-6, Matt. 14:16-18, 17:27). How open are you to doing what God calls you to do? How can you be more open to the Holy Spirit's leading in your life? How can you stay open to the Holy Spirit's leading in your life?

2. Read 1 John 4:1-6. How likely are you to test God's callings against Scripture? How could you be more familiar with Scripture in order to test God's callings against it better?

3. These 2 disciples could have let any number of excuses get in the way of doing what Jesus called them to do, but they didn't allow that to happen. How often do excuses get in the way of being faithful to God's callings in your life? How can you better fight against excuses getting your way?

4. From the birth of this colt and donkey, to the leading of the owner, and even to the Old Testament prophecies in Zechariah 9 and Daniel 9, it's evident that God had been preparing this. Read Ephesians 2:10. What has God put in your life to prepare you for what He wants you to do?

5. Read Romans 11:29. Now take some time to read through Jonah, chapters 1-3. It's evident that God's callings don't just go away when we aren't faithful. Is there anything that God has called you to do that you haven't done?

6. Read 2 Peter 1:3. How does realizing this help you to do what God has called you to do?

7. Jesus didn't call just one disciple, He called two. So many times, we can keep God's callings in our lives to ourselves. Who can you share with what God has led you to do?

Applying the Scripture

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

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