

November 8, 2020

## “These Are Written”

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## Services

### Sunday

Bible Study	9:30 am
A.M. Worship	10:20 am
P.M. Worship	2:00 pm

### Wednesday

Bible Class	7:00 pm
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**Elders:** Mike Gerber, Travis Hall

**Deacons:** John Frost, Dave Goff, Roger Sholders

*Visitors are welcome*

*We offer Bible classes for all ages*

*We also offer in-home Bible studies*

We have Bible lessons on the radio  
(92.9 FM) Sundays from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

**John 20:30-31:** *And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name.*

After Jesus was raised from the dead, He appeared to some of His disciples (**John 20:19**). Thomas, who was not with those who Jesus appeared to, was told that Jesus had been seen (**verses 24-25**). Thomas would not believe He had been raised unless he could physically see and/or touch Jesus (**verse 25**). After Jesus appeared to Thomas and Thomas recognized it was Him (**verses 26-28**), Jesus told him, ***“Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed”*** (**verse 29**). It is interesting that this is the lead up to the statement made by John in **verses 30-31**.

None of us have physically seen Jesus as Thomas did, yet we must believe on Him to the extent that we give our lives to His service (**Matt. 16:24-25**). Worldly wisdom says to do so does not make sense. Yet, **John 20:30-31** points out that we have sufficient reason to believe.

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John himself was an eyewitness of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. John saw Jesus' crucifixion (**John 19:26-27**), and noted ***“he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe”*** (verse 35).

John saw Jesus after He was raised (**John 21:20**), confirming the ***“disciple whom Jesus loved”*** ***“is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true”*** (verse 24).

Peter, like John, was an eyewitness ***“of His majesty”*** (**2 Pet. 1:16**). So too were ***“above five hundred brethren at once”*** (**1 Cor. 15:6**) who saw Him after He was raised from the grave.

Jesus' works bore witness that God sent Him (**John 5:36**). He fulfilled over a hundred prophecies written centuries before He walked on earth (**Luke 24:44**).

For instance, He is the prophet like unto Moses (**Deut. 18:15-19; Acts 3:22-26**). He is the rejected teacher of Isaiah's prophecy (**Isa. 53:1; 6:9-10; John 12:38-41**). He was hated without a cause, as the psalmist said (**Psa. 69:4; John 15:24-25**).

Jesus' words were confirmed by miracles, as He healed the blind (**Mark 8:22-25**), lame (**John 5:5-9**), deaf, and

mute (**Mark 7:31-37**). His apostles who spoke of Him had the Word likewise confirmed by miracles (**Mark 16:20**).

The things written in Scripture about Jesus do not convince *all* of who He is because not all hearts are what God desires (**Matt. 13:18-22**). Yet, there are some hearts that ***“heareth the Word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty”*** (**Matt. 13:23**).

When these hearts hear what is written about Jesus, they are convinced that He is the Son of God, and that every word spoken of Him in Scripture is truth. This belief causes them to make all changes necessary to follow Him (**Matt. 16:24**).

This seems foolish to a world that walks by sight, but when we open our hearts to the truth, it leaves zero doubt that One we have never physically seen is worthy to be obeyed, praised, and followed. The truth about Jesus is the evidence that builds faith (**Rom. 10:17**), and forms the foundation of the Christian's life (**2 Cor. 5:7**).

Indeed, the things written about Him cause those with good hearts to believe and receive eternal life through His name.

## God's Plan for Saving Man

God's Grace	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian's Work	James 2:24
Christian's Hope	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance	Revelation 2:10

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## Words to Consider

***"For you formed my inmost being. You knit me together in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful. My soul knows that very well." – Psalm 139:13-14***

***"If then you were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things that are above, not on the things that are on the earth."***

**– Colossians 3:1-2**

## Prayer List

Holly G  
Sandy S  
Mabel H  
Cheryl S  
Norma C  
Raymond & Maxine  
Ken & Chris F  
Brandon O's Grandmother (Lung Cancer)  
Jeanette's Mother, Fontella  
Jerry S (Prostate Cancer)  
Carlyle (Hip)  
Heather's Friend, Courtney  
Barbara G (Cancer)  
June H  
Mike D (COVID recovery)  
Lyla B (Leukemia recovery)  
Roger's Parents

## Daily Bible Reading

November 8 – Psa. 140-142; 1 Cor. 14:1-20  
November 9 – Psa. 143-145; 1 Cor. 14:21-40  
November 10 – Psa. 146-147; 1 Cor. 15:1-28  
November 11 – Psa. 148-150; 1 Cor. 15:29-58  
November 12 – Proverbs 1-2; 1 Cor. 16  
November 13 – Proverbs 3-5; 2 Cor. 1  
November 14 – Proverbs 6-7; 2 Cor. 2

***"I have hidden your Word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."***

**– Psalm 119:11**

### **Prayer Leaders**

Sunday, November 8, 2020

Bible Study: Michael

Worship: Dan H

Evening: Steve

Wednesday, November 11, 2020

Darrell

### **Assignments**

Sunday, November 15, 2020

Reading: Jim

Announcements: Dan D

Table: Mike

Serve: Dan H

Mark

### **Clean Building**

Misty

### **Prepare Communion**

Donna

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Invitation: Michael

### **Upcoming Reminders**

### **Anniversaries**

November 20 – Mike & Rowena

### **Birthdays**

November 13 – Misty

November 20 – Patsy

November 21 – Tretyn

November 25 – Mason

November 27 – Roger