

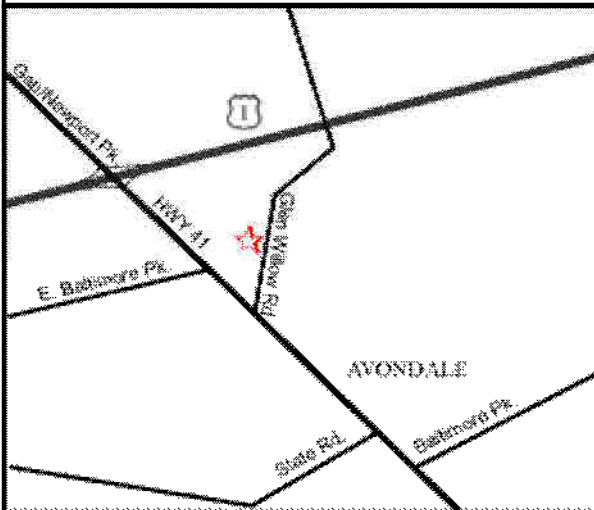
Bible Studies Available

The Bible has much to offer. It teaches us all we need to know about Jesus Christ, and it also provides “*all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who calls us by glory and virtue*” (2 Peter 1:3).

If you are interested in learning more we would love to study the Bible with you. Feel free to contact us with the information provided on the right to set up a Bible study.

You Are Invited to Join Us!

You can also visit us during any of our assembly times, also provided on the right.

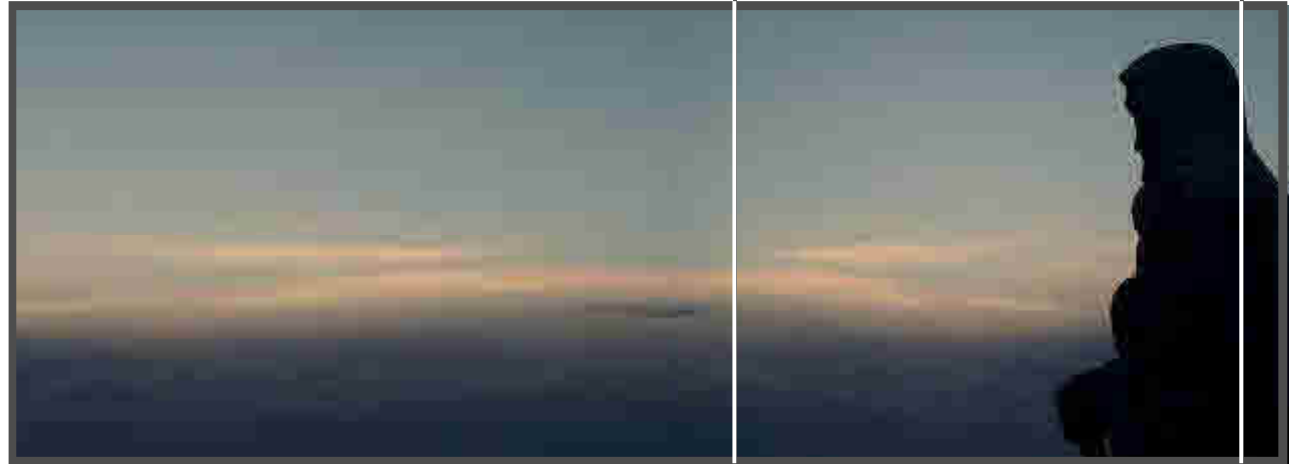


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Assembly Times

Sunday: Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

WHO IS JESUS?

You may have heard about Jesus,
But do you know who He is?

*“Who do men say that I,
the Son of Man, am?”*

-Matthew 16:13-

“Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”

(John 12:21).

If we listen to the Gospels with the same desire expressed in the statement above, we will notice a simple but powerful honesty in their record. Truth, in many respects, is self-authenticating, and the Gospels contain the unmistakable signature of truth. The Jesus that is revealed in the pages of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John is entirely credible to the unprejudiced mind (Matt. 13:9). Though men have invented many different ideas about the person of Jesus, when we consider the Bible’s account on its own terms, we’ll see a Jesus that both real and unique



No One Ever Thought Like He Thought

In an atmosphere of prejudice and hatred, Jesus taught that a despised Samaritan could be noble (Luke 10:30-37) and that a sinner could be loved (Luke 7:36-45). While His disciples argued among themselves about greatness, He showed them that true greatness is found in the qualities of a little child (Matthew 18:1-4). Not once did Jesus act on selfish motives. Always His motivation was to accomplish the will of the Father (John 6:38; 8:29), even to the point of losing His own life (John 15:11-13, Romans 5:7-8).

No One Ever Taught Like He Taught (John 7:46)

Often Jesus would astonish people, referring to the simplest objects such as wheat and yeast

to teach incredibly profound spiritual truths (Matthew 7:28). He taught so that the common person could understand. He was not afraid to contradict the common thinking of the day in order to teach the truth. With a question He could silence His adversaries (John 8:7). He taught that the first would be last (Matthew 19:30), that the poor were in fact rich (Matthew 6:19-21), and the most obscure would be the most celebrated (Matthew 23:11). The meek, He told us, would inherit the earth, and He showed us how to be meek. He not only taught with His words, but with His very life (John 13:12-15; 2 Peter 2:18-21).

No One Ever Lived Like He Lived

He practiced what He preached. When wild accusations flew, He challenged others to convict Him of sin, knowing that they could not do it, even when they tried to entrap Him. In truth, He “committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth” (1 Peter 2:22).

No One Ever Claimed What He Claimed

Jesus said of Himself, “I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father but by Me” (John 14:6). He claimed to be the light of the world, the good shepherd, the resurrection and the life, and the great “I AM.” He accepted Peter’s acknowledgment that He was the Christ and the Son of God (Matt. 16:13-16). We can know that His claims were valid because...

No One Ever Did What He Did

When Jesus claimed to have the power to forgive sins, He proved it by giving a paralytic the ability to walk (Mark 2:1-12). He told the messengers of John the Baptist, “Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive sight, the lame

walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who keeps from stumbling over Me” (Luke 7:22-23). He not only performed miracles, He also predicted His own death and the precise time of His resurrection, and when the time came, it all came to pass just as He said it would.

No One Ever Demanded What He Demands

Only Jesus has taught us to take up the cross and follow in His noble footsteps. Only Jesus has given us a perfect faith to uphold, a perfect cause to join, and a perfect plan to follow. Only He has told us, “If you love Me you will keep My commandments” (John 14:15). Only He has challenged us to love others as He first loved us – not to exploit others but to love them as ourselves.

If we humble ourselves before the mighty hand of God as we read through the gospels, we may catch a glimpse of the real Jesus through the eyes



of faith. Many have tried to reinvent Jesus, or dismiss Him. But when the time comes, all will see the “real” Jesus in all of His glory and know that there is a truth that could have set us free. Then all will bow the knee, and declare, “Jesus is Lord” (Philippians 2:9-11). In all that we say and do, may we live for that day!

If you would like to learn more about who Jesus is and what He taught, please see the reverse side of this pamphlet.

