

OUR MISSION (why we exist)

We exist to be a refuge, drawing ourselves and others into a genuine relationship with Jesus Christ.

WEEKEND ANNOUNCEMENTS

READING PLAN - Read through Mark 10:42 for this week!

PRAYER & WORSHIP GATHERING - April 29th at 6:30, childcare will be provided, but you must register your children with Laura so she can get enough workers.

WORSHIP PLAYLIST - OScan the QR code below with your phone and you will be directed to our Spotify playlist!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORLDVIEW CLASS - The class on Puritans continues on Wednesday, April the 4th at Dave & Michelle's at 6:30pm.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Our men's and women's Bible studies both meet at the church. Childcare is provided. Our next meeting date is March 28th.

HILLSIDE KIDS - Help our children's ministry. Volunteer one weekend a month and help minister to our children.

HILLSIDE PRAYER GROUP - Our prayer group meets on Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the church building. Come pray with us! These have been fantastic meetings!

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HILLSIDE CHURCH

THE BOOK OF ACTS

Acts 24:1-27
March 27th, 2022

INTRODUCTION

Acts 1:22 (ESV) *beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us **a witness to his resurrection.***

Acts 4:1–2 (ESV) *And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ² greatly annoyed **because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.***

Daniel 12:2 (ESV) *And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth **shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.***

Matthew 10:28 (ESV) *And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.*

The resurrection is a genuine and expected reality we will all experience, whether in glory or torment.

OVERVIEW OF PAUL

- Paul's Conversion
- Paul's three missionary journeys
- Paul's final return to Jerusalem
- Paul's Arrest in Jerusalem

PAUL'S TRIAL Acts 24:1-21

The Jewish Accusation

1. Personal Accusation - "...we have found this man a plague."
2. Political Accusation - "...one who stirs up riots (sedition)"
3. Religious Accusation - "...a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes."

And here is the difficult thing to see in court. People personified their rejection in Paul, **but what they were truly rejecting was the cross of Christ.**

The world, represented by the religious and Romans, believed the rebellion ended with a cross, but in reality, **our rebellion against the world began there.**

James 4:4 (ESV) *You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.*

You are going to have to pick a side. The Bible declares that there is no such thing as middle ground.

There is **no instance** in Scripture of a person **both full of the world and full of the Spirit.** The person will be devoid of one or the other. There is no middle ground in Christianity as it pertains to faith and life.

John 1:46 (ESV) *Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."*

Any life that sincerely gazes upon the cross of Jesus can never stay as it is.

Christians should not approach the world around us with the mission of **reform**, but **rescue.**

1 John 2:17 (ESV) *And the world **is passing away** along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.*

Miracles themselves **point to the resurrection and the Kingdom.**

What happens to the person restored in healing **is a representation of what happens to the universe in resurrection.**

IN CUSTODY Acts 24:22-27

Acts 24:25 (ESV) *And as he reasoned about righteousness and self-control and the coming judgment, Felix was alarmed and said, "Go away for the present. When I get an opportunity I will summon you."*

Felix is literally an example of a man **who gained the whole world, yet lost his soul.**

The last thing I want you to understand about the resurrection today is that **it confirms this life is temporary and eternity is forever.**

Imagine a universe created by God that believes it is moving towards perfection without Him.

No matter how much we care about this world and life, **resurrection and eternity** are what we are called to live for.