

MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship This Sunday

May 23, 2021 ~ 9:00 AM

In our Sanctuary (*please wear a mask*)

or

Outside Parking Area

Services on YouTube

Meadowbrookbaptist.cc

May 16, 2021

Worship Attendance 34 World Hunger \$25.00

Budget Offering \$11,324.00

Weekly Needs to Date \$53,000.00

Weekly Offerings to Date \$56,957.70



REMINDER



ON-GOING LOCAL MISSIONS PROJECT

Meadowbrook became involved in this Local Missions project in 2008. We continue to collect food items each week on Sunday Morning for the needy in our area. It is taken to the Anderson Helping Agencies for distribution. Please help if you can. (You may also give monetary donations.)

YOUR CONTINUED HELP WITH THIS PROJECT EACH WEEK IS TRULY NEEDED AND APPRECIATED.

The Gospel of Mark

HEAVENLY TOUCHES

“A Roman army captain had a servant he loved very much. When he was at the point of death, he sent some Jewish elders to ask Jesus to come and heal him.”

(Luke 7:1-3)

Mark is the “Readers Digest” story of Jesus. Much is left out. Between verse 2:22 (the discussion of fasting) and 2:23, (the disciples being criticized for pulling corn on the Sabbath); we have the beginning of the second year of Jesus’ ministry. He went to Passover (John 5) and when He healed a man before hundreds of people on the Sabbath, He was confronted by a delegation of high ranking Pharisees. When it ended the Pharisees began persecuting Him and looking for a way to kill Him.

Jesus had to be a lonely man. We all want to fit in, but He didn’t seem to fit in anywhere. He went against the synagogue teachers (rabbis) by healing people on the Sabbath and associating with sinners, like Matthew’s friends. He went against the disciples of John the Baptizer by not fasting. He went against the desires of His followers by calling Matthew, a man they called a traitor, to be in their group. His own mother thought He had lost His mind and John the baptizer, the man who announced Him, had doubts about who He really was.

The most serious difference concerned the Gentiles. He knew the Bible said God was going to help and save non Jews - Gentiles (Genesis 12; Isaiah 49). The Jews however, hated Gentiles and saw them as “dirty”. Before eating, they would ritually wash their hands to get the “gentile” off of them.

Jesus, being a human being like us, may have been wondering, if He was reading His Bible right. He had already learned that Satan gives us suggestions on how to interpret our Bibles (Matthew 4:5). When we disagree with everybody, we seem to be like the mother at a football game watching the band. She turned to a friend and said, “Would you look at that; my son is the only one in step.” We have all felt that way sometimes.

God touched Jesus in two ways to let Him know He was on the right path - through a **Gentile Army Captain** and through a **converted prostitute**. Back in Capernaum, after Jesus delivered His Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), three Jewish elders walked up to Him and asked Him to come and heal the servant of a Roman captain. They told Him how the captain loved his servant; how he loved the Jewish people and how he gave the money to build their synagogue.

With remarkable humility, he sent word to Jesus that he didn’t feel worthy enough to ask him to come into his house; something most