

Baldwin Hills Baptist Church

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Sermon Scriptures

Matt. 28:18-19 18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “**All authority** has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** “**Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of **the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit**,

Luke 24:45-48 45 Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, **46** and He said to them, “Thus it is written, that **the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day**, **47** and that **repentance for forgiveness of sins** would be proclaimed in His name **to all the nations**, beginning from Jerusalem. **48** “You are witnesses of these things.

Matt. 28:20 teaching them **to observe all that I commanded you**; and lo, **I am with you always**, even to the end of the age.”

Luke 24:49 “And behold, I am sending forth **the promise of My Father upon you**; but you are to stay in the city until you are **clothed with power from on high**.”

Acts 1:8 but you **will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you**; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and **even to the remotest part of the earth**.”

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Acts 9:1-31 1 ¶ Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest, **2** and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. **3** As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him; **4** and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” **5** And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” And He *said*, “I am Jesus whom you are persecuting, **6** but get up and enter the city, and it will be told you what you must do.” **7** The men who traveled with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. **8** Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; and leading him by the hand, they brought him into Damascus. **9** And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank. **10** ¶ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and the Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” **11** And the Lord *said* to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying, **12** and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight.” **13** But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he did to Your saints at Jerusalem;

Acts 9:14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.” **15** But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; **16** for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name’s sake.” **17** So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” **18** And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he got up and was baptized; **19** and he took food and was strengthened. ¶ Now for several days he was with the disciples who were at Damascus, **20** and immediately he *began* to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” **21** All those hearing him continued to be amazed, and were saying, “Is this not he who in Jerusalem destroyed those who called on this name, and *who* had come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?” **22** But Saul kept increasing in strength and confounding the Jews who lived at Damascus by proving that this *Jesus* is the Christ. **23** ¶ When many days had elapsed, the Jews plotted together to do away with him, **24** but their plot became known to Saul. They were also watching the gates day and night so that they might put him to death; **25** but his disciples took him by night and let him down through *an opening in* the wall, lowering him in a large basket. **26** ¶ When he came to Jerusalem, he was trying to associate with the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. **27** But Barnabas took hold of him and brought him to the apostles and described to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had talked to him, and how at Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. **28** And he was with them, moving about freely in Jerusalem, speaking out boldly in the name of the Lord. **29** And he was talking and arguing with the Hellenistic *Jews*; but they were attempting to put him to death. **30** But when the brethren learned *of it*, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him away to Tarsus. **31** ¶ So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.

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Acts 26:15-18 **15** “And I said, ‘**Who are You, Lord?**’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. **16** ‘But get up and stand on your feet; **for this purpose I have appeared to you, to appoint you a minister and a witness** not only to the things which you have seen, but also **to the things in which I will appear to you;** **17** rescuing you from the *Jewish* people and from **the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you,** **18** to **open their eyes so that they may turn from** darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, **that they may receive forgiveness of sins** and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.’

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Acts 10:1-16 **1** ¶ Now *there was* a man at Caesarea **named Cornelius, a centurion** of what was called the Italian cohort,

Acts 10:2 a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, and gave many alms to the *Jewish* people and **prayed to God continually**.

Acts 10:3 About the ninth hour of the day he clearly saw **in a vision an angel of God** who had *just* come in and said to him, “Cornelius!”

Acts 10:4 And fixing his gaze on him and being much alarmed, he said, “What is it, Lord?” And he said to him, “Your prayers and alms have ascended as a memorial before God.

Acts 10:5 “Now dispatch *some* men to Joppa and send for a man *named* Simon, who is also called Peter;

Acts 10:6 he is staying with a tanner *named* Simon, whose house is by the sea.”

Acts 10:7 When the angel who was speaking to him had left, he summoned two of his servants and a devout soldier of those who were his personal attendants,

Acts 10:8 and after he had explained everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.

Acts 10:9 ¶ On the next day, as they were on their way and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray.

Acts 10:10 But he became hungry and was desiring to eat; but while they were making preparations, he fell into a trance;

Acts 10:11 and he saw the sky opened up, and an object like a great sheet coming down, lowered by four corners to the ground,

Acts 10:12 and there were in it all *kinds of* four-footed animals and crawling creatures of the earth and birds of the air.

Acts 10:13 A voice came to him, “Get up, Peter, kill and eat!”

Acts 10:14 But Peter said, “By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything unholy and unclean.”

Acts 10:15 Again a voice *came* to him a second time, “What God has cleansed, no *longer* consider unholy.”

Acts 10:16 This happened three times, and immediately the object was taken up into the sky.

Acts 10:27 As he talked with him, he entered and found many people assembled.

Acts 10:34 ¶ Opening his mouth, Peter said: ¶ “I most certainly understand *now* that God is not one to show partiality,

Acts 10:35 but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him.

Acts 10:38-47 38 “*You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him* with the Holy Spirit and with power, and *how* He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, **for God was with Him**.

Acts 10:39 “We are witnesses of all the things He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They also **put Him to death** by hanging Him on a cross.

Acts 10:40 “God raised Him up on the third day and granted that He become visible,

Acts 10:41 not to all the people, **but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God**, *that is*, to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

Acts 10:42 “And **He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead.**

Acts 10:43 “Of Him all the prophets bear witness that **through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.**”

Acts 10:44 ¶ While Peter was still speaking these words, **the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message.**

Acts 10:45 All the **circumcised believers** who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been **poured out on the Gentiles also.**

Acts 10:46 For they were hearing them **speaking with tongues** and exalting God. Then Peter answered,

Acts 10:47 “Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized **who have received the Holy Spirit just as we did, can he?**”

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Acts 13:1-5 1 ¶ Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was *there*, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

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2 While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

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3 Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

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4 ¶ So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

5 When they reached Salamis, they *began* to proclaim the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews; and they also had John as their helper.

Rom. 9:27 ¶ Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, “**THOUGH THE NUMBER OF THE SONS OF ISRAEL BE LIKE THE SAND OF THE SEA, IT IS THE REMNANT THAT WILL BE SAVED;**

Rom. 11:5 In the same way then, there **has also come to be at the present time a remnant** according to *God’s* gracious choice.

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Acts 13:6-12 6 When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they found a **magician, a Jewish false prophet whose name was Bar-Jesus,**

Acts 13:7 who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence. This man **summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God.**

Acts 13:8 But Elymas the magician (for so his name is translated) **was opposing them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.**

9 But Saul, who was also *known as Paul*, **filled with the Holy Spirit**, fixed his gaze on him,

10 and said, “You who are full of all deceit and fraud, **you son of the devil**, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease to make crooked the straight ways of the Lord?”

11 “Now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and not see the sun for a time.” And immediately a mist and a darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking those who would lead him by the hand.

12 **Then the proconsul believed** when he saw what had happened, **being amazed at the teaching of the Lord.**

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Acts 13:14-16 14 But going on from Perga, they **arrived at Pisidian Antioch**, and on the Sabbath day **they went into the synagogue** and sat down. **15** After the reading of the Law and the Prophets the synagogue officials sent to them, saying, “Brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it.” **16** Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said, ¶ **“Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen:**

Acts 13:32 “And we preach to you the good news of the promise made to the fathers,

Acts 13:33 that God has fulfilled this *promise* to our children in **that He raised up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, ‘YOU ARE MY SON; TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU.’**

Acts 13:38-50 38 “Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you,
39 and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses.

40 “Therefore take heed, so that the thing spoken of in the Prophets may not come upon *you*:

41 ‘BEHOLD, YOU SCOFFERS, AND MARVEL, AND PERISH; FOR I AM ACCOMPLISHING A WORK IN YOUR DAYS, A WORK WHICH YOU WILL NEVER BELIEVE, THOUGH SOMEONE SHOULD DESCRIBE IT TO YOU.’”

42 ¶ As Paul and Barnabas were going out, the people kept begging that these things might be spoken to them the next Sabbath.

Acts 13:43 Now when *the meeting of* the synagogue had broken up, many of the Jews and of the God-fearing proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, were urging them to continue in the grace of God.

44 ¶ The next Sabbath nearly the whole city assembled to hear the word of the Lord.

45 But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and *began* contradicting the things spoken by Paul, and were blaspheming.

46 Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, “It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first; since you repudiate it and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.

47 “For so the Lord has commanded us, ‘I HAVE PLACED YOU AS A LIGHT FOR THE GENTILES, THAT YOU MAY BRING SALVATION TO THE END OF THE EARTH.’”

48 ¶ When the Gentiles heard this, they *began* rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

49 And the word of the Lord was being spread through the whole region.

50 But the Jews incited the devout women of prominence and the leading men of the city, and instigated a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district.

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