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SUNDAY TIMES:
BIBLE STUDIES: 09H00
WORSHIP: 10H00 TO 11H00
10 MAY 2026

Preacher: Johan Smulders
Sermon Topic: There is a Great Day Coming!
Scripture reading: Matthew 24: 1 - 14
Text: Matthew 24: 3

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - 9 a.m.

We encourage everyone to attend the morning Bible Study classes, as we study the book of Acts. Johan is facilitating the class. Please join us during this time of learning God's Word. Continue reading through Acts!

Song Leader: Mike Baisley **Scripture Reading:** Mike Baisley
Opening Prayer: Jan Roberts **Lord's Table:** Chris du Preez
Closing Prayer: Paul McCourt **Attendance last Sunday:** 54
Servers: Paul, Jan, Chris & Mike

Mary Speaks to All Women on This Mother's Day - Lisa Rowell

- 1. She said "yes" to God before she knew the cost.** "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered, "May it be to me as you have said" (Luke 1: 38). She didn't know about the whispers that would follow her pregnancy, the midnight flight to Egypt, or the gut-wrenching day she would watch her child die on the cross. She simply said yes, trusting the One who gave her the assignment.
- 2. She embraced love and loss as part of her calling.** "Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother, 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel... And a sword will pierce your own soul too'" (Luke 2: 34 - 35). As Jesus' mom, the privilege of raising him also meant watching him be rejected, hated, feared and ultimately, crucified. But Mary didn't view sacrifice as a detour from God's plan. She knew it was the road itself.
- 3. Mary stayed with her son until the end.** When many of Jesus' followers fled, Mary remained. She stood near the cross, watching her son suffer, powerless to stop it. This is her most challenging lesson: love shows up, even when it's excruciating to be present.
- 4. Her deepest pain became the world's Hope.** "And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for He has looked on the humble estate of His servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed'" (Luke 1: 46 - 48).

But the cross wasn't the end. The same woman who sang "my spirit rejoices" at the start of her journey would live to see her most profound sorrow become the world's Hope. Mary witnessed the ultimate redemption story. The son she birthed, loved, and mourned became the world's salvation. Her journey from the manger to the cross to the empty tomb demonstrates God's ability to weave even our deepest sufferings into His redemptive plan.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY - 10 a.m.

All the ladies are invited to join in and attend the ladies' Bible Study classes.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the members and their families in our congregation who are in need of God's grace, healing and strength through difficult times. We ask especially for your fervent prayers for Braam & Petro.

Let us also never forget to thank our Lord for answering our prayers.

"Prayer is the pause that empowers. True prayer is a way of life, not just an emergency route".

BIRTHDAYS

Celeste Gordon – 10 May
 Anle Roberts who will have reached the remarkable milestone of 90 years on 12 May.

Wishing you both a day filled with the joy of the Lord and a year of His blessings.

WELCOME

We had a bumper attendance last Sunday as the family members of Pam and the Roberts family joined us, some from as far as the U.S.A.!

We welcome ALL visitors this morning. May you be blessed as we worship God.

THANK YOU

Braam and Petro express their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the love, care and support they have received and are still receiving. Prayers, calls, visits and thoughtful actions have been a great comfort and encouragement to them.



BIBLE VERSES IN HONOUR OF OUR MOTHERS

- **Proverbs 31: 28 - 29:** *“Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.”*
- **Proverbs 31: 25:** *“She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.”*
- **Isaiah 66: 13:** *“As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you.”*
- **1 Corinthians 13: 4 - 7:** *“Love is patient, love is kind... It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”*
- **Psalms 139: 13 - 14:** *“... You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”*
- **Numbers 6: 24 - 26:** *“The Lord bless you and keep you...”* (A wonderful blessing for a mother).



Today, Sunday 10th May, is Mother's Day. We wish a Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, as well as to all who have nurtured and cared for children – their own and those not their own. Some are fathers, aunts and uncles, grandparents and special family friends. God bless you one and all!

“A mother is a person who, seeing there are only four pieces of cake for five people, promptly announces she never did care for cake.”

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