



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - 9 am.

We are at present studying the Gospel of Romans. Johan is facilitating the class. Please join us during this time of learning God's Word.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY – 10 AM

All ladies are encouraged to attend the Wednesday Ladies Bible class. This Wednesday, they will study Titus.

SUNDAY CHILDREN'S CLASS 9am

Please bring your children to the Children's Bible class. It is so important to bring a child up in God's Way, teaching them about God's Word and God's Love.

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SUNDAY TIMES:

BIBLE STUDIES: 09H00

WORSHIP: 10H00 TO 11H00

24 AUGUST 2025

Preacher: Chris du Preez

Sermon Topic: "Carpe Diem"

Scripture reading: Galatians 6: 9 - 10

Song Leader: Mike Baisley

Scripture Reading: Thando Ntozakhe

Opening Prayer: Carry Hagemann

Lord's Table: Ray Calder

Closing Prayer: Rudi Le Roux

Attendance last Sunday: 39

Servers: Carry, Ray, Rudi & Thando

A SHORT SUMMARY OF THOMAS, THE APOSTLE

According to the New Testament, Thomas, also known as Didymus, was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. As with Thomas' early life, little is known about his adult life before following Jesus. Some hypothesize that he might have been a fisherman, since Thomas was recorded as fishing with the disciples Andrew and Peter, who were fishermen, before one of Jesus' appearances after his resurrection.

There's a good chance that Thomas was a twin. John tells us that Thomas was known as "Didymus" the Greek word for twin (John 11: 16, 20: 24, 21: 2). Interestingly, Thomas also means twin in Aramaic, the common language throughout first-century Palestine.

Although all of the Gospels mention Thomas, it's only the Gospel of John that records any of Thomas' words. Church tradition tells us that Thomas was a missionary who might have ended up in India, but it's hard to say with any certainty how far east he traveled.

The apostle Thomas is often known as "Doubting Thomas", because he refused to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead until he saw and touched Christ's physical wounds. Thomas is often condemned for his lack of belief, but he was equally courageous, willing to stand by Jesus in dangerous times. He also relentlessly sought the Truth. Like an inquisitive child, he constantly asked questions. Thomas was prone to extremes, as he had demonstrated courageous faith, willing to risk his own life to follow Jesus into Judea.

There is an important lesson to be gained from studying Thomas: If we are truly seeking to know the truth and are honest with ourselves and others about our struggles and doubts, God will faithfully meet us and reveal himself to us, as he did for Thomas. Thomas's great strength was his superb analytical mind, coupled with his unflinching courage, once he had made up his mind.

His great weakness was his suspicious doubting, which he never fully overcame throughout his whole lifetime in the flesh. Thomas' moment of bravery didn't entirely define him, and neither should his moment of doubt. We all have moments we're proud of and other moments we wish we could forget. What we learn from Thomas is that being in Jesus' presence brought out the best in him by increasing his faith

BIRTHDAYS

Kristal Share – 26 August

Wishing you a day full of peace and a year full of purpose. We pray God continues to guide your steps and open doors you never expected.

"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." – Proverbs 16: 9

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the members in our congregation who are in need of God's grace, healing and strength through difficult times. Please pray for Ian, Kate and Landon Roberts, as they are going through a very difficult time.

Philippians 4: 6 – 7, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

We also need to thank God for prayers answered.

TEA & FELLOWSHIP

Please join us next Sunday, 31 August, after worship for tea and biscuits, while fellowshiping with one another. Ladies on duty are Brenda Baisley and Gill du Preez.

SCRIPTURES FOR THE WEEK

Proverbs 9: 10, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

Proverbs 14: 12, "There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death."

Proverbs 16: 3, "Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and He will establish your plans."

BIBLE QUIZ:

1. Who watched as Moses floated in the basket down the Nile?

Answer: His Sister Miriam

See: Exodus 2: 4

2. Who would have nothing to do with the author of 3 John?

Answer: Diotrephes

See: 3 John 1: 9

3. In the book of Philemon, who is Paul's fellow prisoner?

Answer: Epaphras

See: Philemon 1: 23

4. James used the example of which Old Testament figure to demonstrate how the prayers of a righteous man can have powerful results?

Answer: Elijah

See: James 5: 13 - 18

5. How does the author of 1 John often refer to his readers?

Answer: Children

See: 1 John 1

6. What does Solomon say about sin?

Answer: That no one does not sin

See: Ecclesiastes 7: 20

7. Who pretended to be mad to avoid capture and death at the hands of an enemy king?

Answer: David

See: 1 Samuel 21: 13

8. Who was the priest of Bethel during the time of Amos?

Answer: Amaziah

See: Amos 7: 10

9. Who was the grandson of Samuel?

Answer: Heman

See: 1 Chronicles 6: 33

10. Who was the high priest during the time of Zechariah?

Answer: Joshua

See: Zechariah 6: 10 - 11

11. Who said, "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ."?

Answer: Paul

See: Philippians 3: 7

12. Who said: "Come now, and let us reason together...though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."?

Answer: The Lord

See: Isaiah 1: 18

13. What does Paul call the Galatians?

Answer: foolish

See: Galatians 3: 1