

The Road

John 8:21-30

Jesus – a different essence, a different nature

John 8:22-24

I AM GOD

The Messiah

Everything that He has said about himself

John 8:25-28

God made it obvious that Christ came to pay for our sins.

Matthew 27:46

Considerations for the week

Going away, v. 21. Jesus says He is going away. Consider how this exposes the spiritual condition of His listeners. In what ways might we live as though Jesus is going away from us — emotionally, spiritually, etc.?

Origins, v. 23. Comment upon the contrast of Jesus' origins and ours, and what this teaches us about the nature of true spiritual understanding.

Unbelief, v. 24. Jesus speak bluntly about the consequences of unbelief. Why? Explain how this warning was given in mercy rather than in condemnation.

He, v. 24. Jesus ties salvation to believing that He is "He." Explain what "He" means.

Hearing, v. 26-27. What does it mean that Jesus speaks only what He hears from the Father?

Then you will know, v. 27-28. How was the cross the moment of revelation? Consider how seeing Christ lifted up changes the way we see ourselves.

Dependence, v. 28-29. Jesus depended completely upon the Father. Relate this to the nature of true discipleship for us.

What keeps us from following Jesus fully?

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.



So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. — John 8:28, NIV

Scripture read today
during worship:

Colossians 2:6–8

1 John 1:9

2 Corinthians 8:9

Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at prayer@rtbchurch.org to let us know how we may pray for you.

Today's order of service

Prelude, *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Call to worship

Hymn, *You Are Good*

Confession and assurance

Hymn, *This Is Our God*

Hymn, *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

Offertory

Reading and prayer

Hymn, *Jesus, Your Name*

Message

Hymn of response 326, *Softly and Tenderly*

Benediction

Postlude, *Lead On, O King Eternal*

Weekly events

Today after the benediction, Cookies & Coffee in our fellowship hall

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm
Reservations required.

Women's Bible study, Tues. at 10 am or Thurs. at 7 pm

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner, 5:30-6:30 pm. Menu: brisket, mushroom
sauce, veggies, steamed rice, red velvet flan

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the parlor

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 6:00 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational
English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Endurance men's Bible study, Thursday at 6pm
Focus: college-aged / young adult men

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am
Meets this week, October 3

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-3pm

Celebration Our church has served God here for eighty-five years. We will remember and celebrate here October 10, 2026, 4-7 pm. Please let us know if you're planning to dine with us, by contacting the church office or by scanning →



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Help is needed for client registration, October 6-8

Templegram Our weekly newsletter is provided to us by email, usually on Tuesday. If you'd like to receive it, please email us at office@rtbchurch.org.

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