



Join **Brad Jersak** (author, speaker, church planter, theologian) for a seminar about God's identity.

What is God like? A punishing judge? A doting grandfather? A deadbeat dad? A vengeful warrior? 'Believers' and atheists alike typically carry and finally reject the toxic images of God in their own hearts and minds. Even the Christian gospel has repeatedly lapsed into a vision of God where the wrathful King must be appeased by his victim Son. How do such 'good cop/bad cop' distortions of the divine arise and come to dominate churches and cultures? Whether our notions of 'god' are personal projections or inherited traditions, author and theologian Brad Jersak proposes a radical reassessment, arguing for A More Christ like God: a More Beautiful Gospel. If Christ is "the image of the invisible God, the radiance of God's glory and exact representation of God's likeness," what if we conceived of God as completely Christ like—the perfect Incarnation of self-giving, radically forgiving, co-suffering love? What if God has always been and forever will be 'cruciform' (cross-shaped) in his character and actions? A More Christ like God suggests that such a God would be very good news indeed—a God who Jesus "unwrathed" from dead religion, a Love that is always toward us, and a Grace that pours into this suffering world through willing, human partners.

Cost: \$25.00 non-refundable registration fee per person. Refreshments included. *\$15.00 Student Rate.

Register: To help us plan for the day, we need to know if you're coming. Register online at thresholdministries.ca

St. John's (Stone) Church

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5 March 2017

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9:00 am – Holy Communion—Chancel

10:45 am – Holy Communion - Lent 1



Prayer Chain: Anthea Earle (652-6032) or bearlec603@rogers.com

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SET *I Will Worship; Jesus I Worship You;
Exalt the Lord Our God*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY - page 185

COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to
discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you
know our weakness, so we may know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

THE FIRST LESSON Romans 5:12-19 - Debbie Collicott
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PSALM 32 - page 584

THE GOSPEL Matthew 4:1-11 - John Paul Westin
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SERMON - John Paul Westin

PRAISE SONG *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Thank you, Lord, that our transgressions are forgiven;
Response: washed by the blood of the Lamb.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION - page 191

THE PEACE

OFFERINGS SONG *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven* BB 353

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Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Mar. 5: Marathwada (North India), the Rt. Rev. Madhukar Kasab. Council of the North, Territory of the People (Central Interior, BC), Bishop Barbara Andrews and the clergy and people as they work together at the process of exploring a different way to be church. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Bishop Geoffrey Peddle. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, those retired from missionary service: the Rev. Canon David Pritchard, the Rev. Dorothy Thorpe, the Rev. Don and the Rev. Lee Sax, Canon Geoffrey and Rosalind Dixon, the Rev. Canon David Kalles, the Ven. John and the Rev. Carol Tyrrell, the Rev. Fred and Marcia Carson, the Very Rev. Peter and Barbara Williams, the Rev. Mary and Lino Battaja, the Most Rev. Terry and Blanche Buckle, the Rev. Martin and Ruth Carroll, Marion Carroll, Aldene Snider, Audrey Aylard; Bishop Larry Robertson, Sheila & family. David, our Bishop, Claude, William, George and Harold, retired Bishops, and their families.

Prayers for the Churches in the Uptown Saint John area

Calvary Temple, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Central Saint John Community Ministry, Cornerstone Baptist

Prayers for our Political Leaders

Our Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau; Premier, Brian Gallant; MP, Wayne Long; MLA, Ed Doherty; Mayor Don Darling and all those who work with them for the public good.

Prayers for the Sick & Shut-in

Rod Daley, George Eves, Charlotte Ferris, Pat Loring, Carol Wilson
(Please call Pam at the Office to include anyone who needs prayer for acute illness or those hospitalized. We must have permission from the individual to publish their name. Thank you.)

Pray for our new Canadian Families

Samir Ramadan, Wedad Ilias, Ruba Ramadan, Mohammad Ramadan, Maha Mara Touk, Samir Ramadan and baby Sam. Also Maha's family: Ghada Chems Alliden (mother), Omar Mara Touk (brother), Magham Girkas (sister-in-law) and their son Zyad (4).

THIS WEEK IN THE UPTOWN

(the week of March 5-11, 2017)

Sun.	6:30 pm	Street Hope Worship - "Purposeful" - Stone Church
Mon.	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	10:00 am	Street Hope Prayer & Study - Library
Tue.	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	10:00 am	Street Hope Prayer & Study - Library
	12:30 pm	Alpha - Stone Office
	7:00 pm	Leading From Here to There DVD Study - Vineyard
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon - Library
Wed.	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	10:00 am	Street Hope Prayer & Study - Library
Thu.	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	12:15 pm	Thursday Bible Study—Stone Church
	2:00 pm	English Language Café — 2nd Floor, Trinity Centre
	4:00 pm	Community Drop-in—Stone Church
Fri.	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	2:00 pm	Women's World Day of Prayer - Stone Church
	3:00 pm	Ladies Craft Group - 2nd Floor, Trinity Church
	7:00 pm	Street Hope Drop-in - Stone Church

Irish Breakfast - Saturday, March 11th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

A fundraiser in support of L'Arche Saint John will take place at O'Leary's Pub on Princess Street. Tickets (available at the door) are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children. With live Irish music, it's a great way for families and friends to get into the St. Patrick's spirit!

KV Memory Café

Make a date with family and friends to come and connect with others who share your experience of confusion or dementia. Lawyer Dwight Allaby will discuss Power of Attorneys, Wills and Trusts and there will be musical entertainment. The Cafe offers delicious refreshments and there is no charge. Sunday, March 12 from 2:00-4:00 pm at St Paul's Anglican Church Hall, Rothesay. For more information please contact Melanie at 634-8722 or email msaulnier@alzheimer.nb.ca.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER - page 211

THE COMMUNION - page 213

COMMUNION WORSHIP *If*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN *You Are Holy, You are Whole*

DISMISSAL

(Scripture reading page numbers are from the black pew Bibles)

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Shared Lunch After Service

We hope you can stay for our shared meal immediately following the conclusion of our worship.

Lection Connection by Canon George Eves

The first humans are given a beautiful garden to look after and enjoy, except that the LORD God commands them not to eat of the fruit of just one of the trees. The woman encounters the serpent who casts doubt on the word of God and, attracted to the forbidden fruit, she eats of it and then shares it with her husband. Their disobedience results in an immediate awareness of their nakedness. The Psalmist rejoices in the fact that his sin is forgiven because he has finally come to confess it before God. He now knows he can trust in the ways of YAHWEH and encourages others to do the same. St. Paul sees in Adam a mirror image of Christ in the sense that through Adam all have sinned and been alienated from God, resulting in death but through Christ's obedience all are made right with God, resulting in life. After Jesus had been tempted for forty days and nights, the devil came and, twisting the Word of God, tries to turn him from the way of God. However, Jesus knows well the truth of the Scriptures and uses it to rebuke the devil and continue in obedience to his Father.

John Paul will be away from March 6-13 on study leave. Should you require pastoral care during this time please contact Terence or Jasmine Chandra. All other enquiries can be made to Danny Marmen, Warden. **Pam Stuart** will be out of the office on Monday, March 6.



Join us for tea & coffee following the service by the kitchen at the back of the church. All are welcome.

Coffee Hour Schedule

Today: **Shared Lunch** - Hostess Debbie Collicott
 Next Sunday: Frances Morrissey & Rebecca Ellis

Agreement Evaluation Questionnaire

As part of our walking together with our friends at Saint John Vineyard we agreed to do an evaluation every three months. This will enable us to keep track of who you, our congregational members, are experiencing our shared minister and shared ministries. Please be sure to fill out a questionnaire (found at the back of the church) and get it in to Pam in the Church Office before next Friday, March 10. The findings will be discussed together with the two leadership teams from the churches, get passed on to our bishop, and be shared with both congregations towards the end of the month. Thank you for your prayerful response to this request.

Building Fund? Living Stones Fund? Renovation Fund? Loan Repayment Fund? I am confused...!

A number of people are wondering where they should be placing donations regarding our building. Here are a number of things you can do. Simply make out the cheque to "St. John's (Stone) Church" but mark where you want it to go in the memo space. We no longer have a matching fund for Living Stones but are doing all our upkeep, repairs, loan repayment, etc. as money is made available by donors. Now is a very good time to make a donation! We are almost complete in our work; there are a few things to be done in the spring, and we are painting the stairs and flooring in the balconies for greater safety and better lighting. Thank you to all who have donated to this point. Let us now continue this good work through until our loan is fully repaid and our building filled with the activities of the children of God living and worshipping in the kingdom of God.

Stone Vision Statement

The heart of Christ in the heart of Saint John

Stone Mission Statement

We are a community of followers of Jesus Christ called to spiritual growth,, building one another up, and sharing the love of God in the wider community.

Designed to Worship

Saturday, April 1 from 1:00-4:30 pm at Saint John Vineyard Church (204 Carmarthen Street). Welcome to our congregational *deepening day*, when we go deeper into our thinking about worship. We will listen to worship leader and musical-ethnologist Ray Hughes' two talks on how God has made us human beings, and all creation, to re-sound His glory. Then we will discuss each one and how that might affect the way we worship in our congregations. Especially for leaders and musicians but for all that are interested in worship at both Stone Church and Saint John Vineyard. This should be a great conversation!

"Stepping into Evangelism: Together" - Sat., April 8 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm offers an interactive approach for followers of Jesus Christ to learn and see how they can easily share their faith with those around them. Based on the workbook of the same name, this seminar will move you from wanting to see people know Jesus, to being an active participant in God's overall plan. Workshops will be led by Bishop David Edwards and Shawn Branch, National Director of Threshold Ministries. Online registration through <http://anglican.nb.ca/events/>.

"How Deep the Father's Love" - Friday April 14 @ 10:45 am

A very special theme service for Good Friday using scripture, anthems and congregational songs to explore the depth of God's love for the world, revealed in the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross "for us and for our salvation" (Nicene Creed). All welcome!

Steve Bell in Concert at Stone Church - Sunday, May 7 @ 7:00 pm

We will welcome back to Stone Church our good friend and inspiring fellow Jesus follower Steve Bell for one special evening in Saint John. See more about this iconic Christian singer/songwriter at stevebell.com

Our Envelope Offerings Last Week

	Regular	Missions
Budgeted	\$3,052.00	\$787.00
Actual	2,440.00	503.00
Shortfall/ Surplus	\$ 612.00	\$284.00