



Revelation

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MADE

SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2012

“And the one sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new!” And then he said to me, “Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true.”

Revelations 21:5

A MADE MAN...

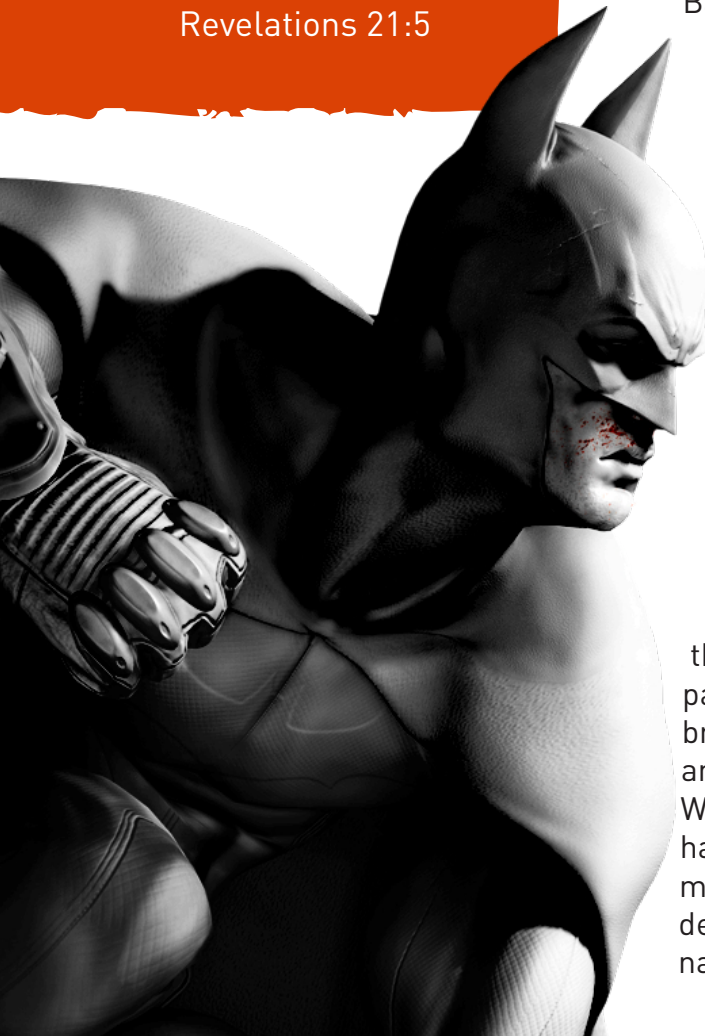
Our theme for the week is “Made” and takes a look at Revelation 21:5, “Look, I am making everything new!”

That one verse - with just six words - has a big promise. Everything! While we’re not quite sure of which things Jesus will be making new this week, He’ll be transforming this community, our youth group, and your own life.

DIFFERENT KIND OF TRANSFORMER

Batman knows a little something about transforming. Whether it be from Bruce Wayne to Batman or transforming the crime landscape of Gotham City, the life of The Bat is in constant flux. Batman is the ultimate dark, mysterious hero, the greatest detective on the entire planet, one of the smartest men, and one of Earth’s greatest warriors. His alter ego is good looking, wealthy, famous and the ‘Prince of Gotham.’ But like all of us, he is not supernatural, he’s human and has flaws.

When he was just eight years old, Bruce Wayne’s parents were brutally murdered in front of him by a mugger. He swore on that day to fight the injustice that took his parents. He committed to becoming a brilliant scientist, inventor, and detective and trains his body to physical perfection. While on the surface Batman seems to have everything going for him, beneath the mask he holds onto the guilt of his parents’ death, the anger he feels towards criminals, and fears that drive him.





THE UTILITY BELT

He is fully committed to fighting for justice and ending crime in Gotham City. However, for all his amazing talents and incredible feats, he sometimes fails as he cannot erase the crimes of others, or his own, and he is unable to forgive himself for that.

Many of us carry these same burdens. We make mistakes, feel guilt, get angry. Thankfully for us, we have a superhero to turn to and He's even greater than Batman. He's the ultimate hero because he didn't just save the innocent, or the deserving, he died to save us all, even Batman. As the week progresses, we'll use Batman and all his feats and failures to help us better understand and grow closer to our true superhero. Yes, even Batman needs Jesus.

God is going to do some amazing things this week! What is the one thing that you hope Jesus will make new this week?



LOOK

MONDAY, JULY 16, 2012

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SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND

Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

-Matthew 7: 7-8

Seeing God in action is an intentional process and Jesus wants us to ask and seek and knock on God’s door, so to speak, about what we want him to make new this week. Matthew 7:7-8 is describing how to experience God Sightings. FPC’s vision statement describes God Sightings as “the unexpected ways in which we encounter God throughout our day.” These sightings range from simple to complex, from a sunset to God’s light shining through others. As you grow and become more aware of God’s presence in and around you, these sightings become more and more expected. God is constantly making things new around you but it takes some practice to see it. The more you ask God to do something amazing, the more you’ll be ready when God does it!

EVERY HERO HAS A VILLAIN

Near the beginning of Batman Begins, we see a young Bruce Wayne struggling to find his identity. A college student consumed by his fear of bats and anger towards criminals. In an effort to better understand the criminal mind so that he may one day fight against it, Bruce goes on a walkabout that spans the world’s darkest places. Somewhere between all the prisons and slums, Bruce loses his way and forgets the original





a terroristic, criminal mastermind whose ideals greatly differ from his own. Bruce's perspective of Ducard changes drastically, from mentor to enemy.

Like Bruce, we need training and practice before we can see what is truly happening around us. While our perspective may not change as drastically, as we grow and become more aware of God's presence, God Sightings become more and more present and expected. God is constantly making things new around us but it takes some practice to see it. The more you ask and expect God to do something amazing, the more you'll be ready when He does it!

THE UTILITY BELT

Taking time to be aware of your surroundings is one way Batman gains an advantage over his foes. How can you see God's presence right now?

What are your expectations for this week?



intent of his journey. He starts to become the criminal he once wished to fight against. In his darkest time, when he had seemed to reach rock bottom, Bruce is approached by a man named Henri Ducard. Ducard promises Bruce that he can train him to fight his fears, to become a ninja warrior, and to lead a revolution of justice. Bruce accepts Ducard's offer and becomes his apprentice. After months of intense training, it was time for the student to become the master. Ducard tells Bruce that he will lead the men to fight injustice in the world and they'll start by eliminating the hopeless Gotham City. In this moment, Bruce sees Ducard for who he truly is,

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SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE

Gotham City once was a city on the rise, a place people were proud to call home. But in recent years, its neighborhoods have been corrupted by crooked police officers and politicians. Gotham's citizens now lived in fear of the mob. So, a do-gooder, like Batman, going out of his way to bring justice to such a city had a very difficult time explaining who he was and what he stood for. Some people viewed him as a criminal; a vigilante breaking laws and harassing other citizens. Others viewed him as someone to be admired; a caped crusader seeking justice in an unjust world. But one thing was certain, Batman was a symbol of hope for all those willing to see him in such a light.

THE BIG SQUEEZE

Getting to know Jesus is not a one step process, it's not easy. You're not alone if you're struggling to figure Him out! If you think about it, Jesus had to squeeze all of who he was from all eternity into just a few short years on earth. He spend most of this time with the disciples, and still spent plenty of time around other people, too. Like Batman in modern day Gotham, the people of Jesus' time were trying to figure out who Jesus was and what He was all about. Consider these verses that give us a glimpse of Jesus:

"In the beginning I already existed. I was with God and I was God."

- John 1:1



THE UTILITY BELT

Thinking about all the verses we read, who is Jesus to you today, right now? Do you think you understand Him? Do you know Him?

What is most interesting about Him, to you?

How have your thoughts about Jesus changed over time? What's the difference between then and now?

Do you think Jesus' view of you has changed over time? How so?

"I am the bread of life." - John 6:35
"I am the light of the world." - John 8:12
"Anyone who has seen me has seen the father." - John 14:9

Some of these concepts are difficult to wrap our heads around. But one thing is clear, Jesus was here for us, to save us from our sins, to give us hope. Getting close to Jesus is amazing, surprising, and sometimes even exhausting in a way. But don't quit. The closer you stay to Jesus, the more He will have a chance to show you who He really is, what He really thinks of you, and what His plans are for your life. So hang in there, Jesus isn't done making us!



I AM MAKING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2012

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BUILD ME UP BUTTERCUP...

Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash."

- Matthew 7:24-27

Having a solid foundation, a rock, is not something that happens quickly, it takes time and a lot of help.

When Bruce Wayne was just a child, he was playing in the garden with his friend Rachel Dawes when he fell into a well. Bruce suffered some minor injuries but the most traumatic part of the event stemmed from what Bruce found at the bottom of the well, a bat cave. Hundreds of bats swarmed Bruce and he was left with a life-long fear of bats. This fear prompted the Waynes to leave an opera a few weeks later when Bruce became frightened by a few of the characters, bats. When they snuck out the side door, the Waynes were approached by a man who subsequently mugged Bruce's parents and they were both killed in the exchange.

For years, Bruce lived with the guilt of his parents' death and he searched for a purpose to his life. As we discussed on Monday, Bruce's mentor, Henri Ducard (AKA Ra's al Ghul) took Bruce under his wing and trained him in the martial arts. Bruce became a ninja and more impor-



When Jesus is making things new in our lives, it's not a once and done event. He always is pushing us in a new direction, working on a new area, showing us a new way to see God, and more. And, at the same time, renewing us to be more and more like Him. It's never over, and that's ok.

THE UTILITY BELT

Near the end of *Batman Begins*, Bruce's home, Wayne Mansion, is burned to the ground by Batman's now enemy, Ra's al Ghul. After a lengthy battle and ultimate victory, Bruce returns to the rubble of his home. Looking around, Bruce has flashes of fond memories and knows he must rebuild. Batman's lair, the Bat Cave, remain in tact under the southeast wing but is rudimentary at best. Batman Butler and closest friend, Alfred, says "I think this might be an opportunity for improving the foundations." Maybe this week can be that same kind of opportunity for you.

tantly, embraced his fear of bats. He had been given a fresh start and a foundation upon which to grow. The mental toughness that was instilled in Bruce would ultimately enable him to find his purpose and fight the injustices of the world.

How is this story of Batman like what Jesus is doing in your life right now?

LIKE A ROCK

Like mentors, parents aspire to teach their children core values and hope their children grow into fine adults. As a parent of yours, Jesus has taken you under his wing and when you are "looking," is giving you opportunities to start again. **Can you think of a time that Jesus made something new in your life?**

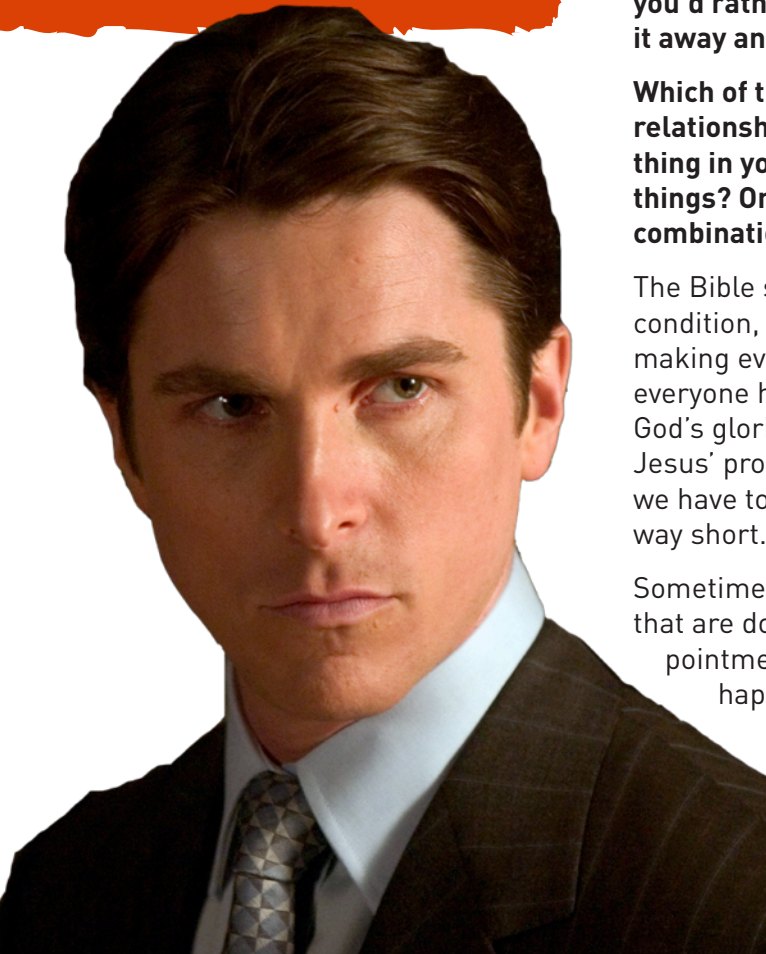


EVERY- THING NEW

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2012

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WHAT'S NEW?

That's a question we get asked often, and it usually doesn't have a very specific answer. But for today, 'what's new?' means 'what's different?' In other words, how do you feel different today than when the week began?

Today's theme is "everything new". Think about some of the new things that you've received or purchased. New phones, new computers, new clothes, new cars, a new house. **Do most of the new things in your life replace things that are totally worn out or broken, or are new things really "additional" things?**

What's one thing that you own or possess that couldn't be replaced with something brand new? Something that, if it started to wear out, you'd rather keep fixing it instead of throwing it away and getting a new one?

Which of these two things is more like your relationship with Jesus? Is it an additional thing in your life along with a lot of other good things? Or is it like an irreplaceable thing? Or a combination of both?

The Bible says something about us and our condition, and it's why Jesus is so excited about making everything new. Roman 3:23 reads, "For everyone has sinned. We have all fallen short of God's glorious standard." Before we can receive Jesus' promise of making everything new in us, we have to accept that we are broken. We fall way short.

Sometimes we feel broken because of things that are done to us. Trust that's broken. Disappointments. Things that we never wanted to happen. Things that keep us from living in God's standard. At other points in our lives, we fall short because of our own thoughts and heart issues. Things we won't let go. Forgiveness we won't offer.

Fear and frustration that we won't release to Jesus.

WHY SO SERIOUS?

The key theme in *Batman Begins* is fear and the power it can have over us. The criminals of Gotham use fear tactics to repress the citizens of Gotham and rule the city. One of these criminals is Dr. Crane. Crane is the psychologist at Arkham Asylum who has developed an airborne toxin that induces fear and ultimately manipulates those who inhale it. He uses his patients at Arkham to test and fine tune this toxin and ultimately puts it into mass production with the hope of infecting the entire city through its water supply. With the help of his friend, Lucius Fox, Batman developed an antidote to the toxin and gave Gotham's citizens hope that evil could be combated.

While it may not be brought on by an airborne toxin, we can sometimes be overwhelmed by our fears, frustrations,

attitudes, and emotions and we can fall short of God's hope for us. But that's why Jesus died for you and for me. To make us new, to give us hope! What Jesus did for you and me, through his death on the cross and resurrection from the dead, makes "everything new" possible. You don't have to do anything, fear anything, fix anything, or become anything. Jesus did it for you. He has already made everything new for you!



Batman took on a lot of responsibility by donning the mask and creating a symbol of hope for the city of Gotham. Jesus took on the weight of the world through His sacrifice. Your only responsibility is to respond to Jesus in faith. John 6:47 gives us Jesus' antidote, "I tell you the truth. Anyone who believes has eternal life."





FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2012

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TROJAN HORSE

Many words could be used to describe Batman: Strong. Smart. Snappy dresser. But the word “normal?” It probably wouldn’t come up. Batman is about as normal as a seven-legged cow. This is a guy who buys corporations before lunch and fights crime after dinner—a man who wears Kevlar body armor and battles supervillians as a hobby. “A guy who dresses up like a bat clearly has issues,” Bruce Wayne says in *Batman Begins*. But yet as different as Batman may seem from us on the outside, we actually have a lot in common.

Batman, for all his law-abiding acumen, shirks certain rules. He rarely follows the speed limit, for example. He’s been known to engage in assault and battery. And it’s doubtful he ever got a permit for most of the stuff in his utility belt. But in many ways, Batman follows an internal code of conduct as rigid as any of Gotham’s municipal ordinances: He never uses a gun, he never kills anyone, and he always protects those who need protecting—even at the risk of his own life. How much do we follow our own codes and calling? Do we sometimes vow to do one thing, and then find ourselves doing something else? Do we break the promises we’ve made to ourselves or God if they become inconvenient? To follow a code means to embrace it with all of our being—even when our being wants to do something else.

What truly makes Batman different is his call—his desire to set aside his own wants and needs to help the good people of Gotham City.





In many ways, he resembles many of the heroes we read about in the Bible—normal folks who were called by God for a special purpose. There was nothing superhuman about David or Daniel or Peter. But because they were sincere about following God, they wound up doing some pretty extraordinary things.

Batman chooses his way—just as we all do. He decides to follow his own special calling—just as we hope to. Bruce Wayne's suffering could've turned him into a self-absorbed playboy, a self-pitying basketcase, or a self-serving villain. But it didn't. Bruce Wayne chose to be a hero instead. And that choice is open to all of us.

THE UTILITY BELT

Today's theme is an exclamation point. It's excitement, anticipation, and celebration. Jesus has made everything new, and He's still at work making everything new from now until we see Him in heaven.

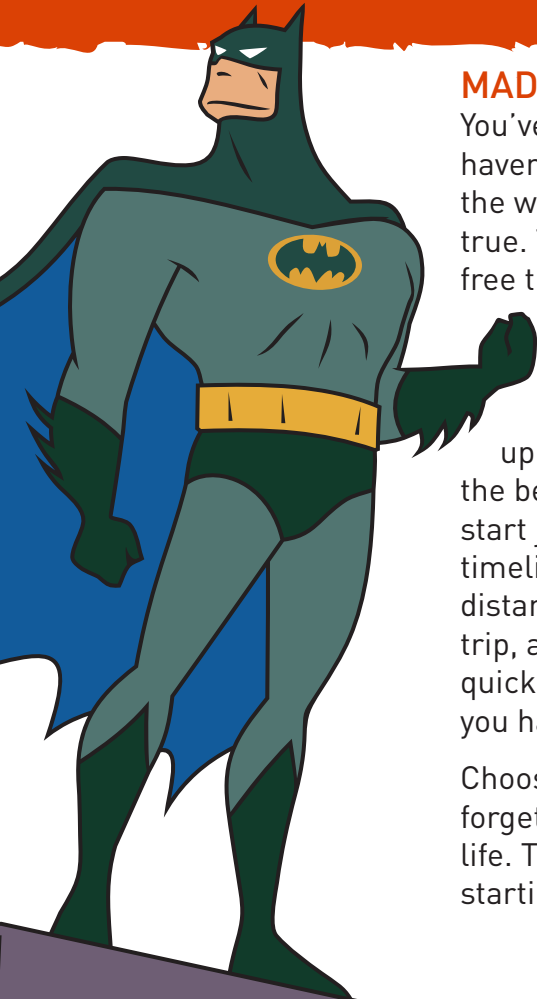
Since Jesus hasn't stopped making everything new, we shouldn't stop either. The last day on the work site isn't the last day of you and I doing God's work. What has this mission trip motivated you to do when you get back home? Anything? Something? Nothing?

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2012

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EVERY HERO HAS A JOURNEY

Today, Batman's quest for justice continues with the release of *The Dark Knight Rises* where Batman is hunted by the law after taking the blame for Harvey Dent's murder in order to protect Dent's reputation. Batman must quickly deal with the arrival of a new villain, Bane, who is bent on the destruction and chaos of Gotham City. He must face old wounds and get a handle on the mysterious Selina Kyle before Gotham City is lost for good. While Batman's journey has come to an end, ours is just beginning...

MADE

You've just experienced something that most people haven't. A week between Jesus and you. Maybe that's not the words you would have used to describe it. But it's true. Through the service, the programs, the meals, the free time, the devotion time, and the travel, Jesus has been present with you. Dealing with you. Encouraging you. Uprooting you. Loving you. Making you.

The rest of the story - what happens after this - it is up to you. Will you make the week into a memory, or the beginning of your future? If you choose 'memory' then start journaling or scrapbooking or getting your Facebook timeline in order. Because memories quickly become distant ones. You might remember some facts about the trip, a few people, or a funny moment. But this week will quickly melt into the many, many other memories that you have of activities gone by.

Choose "beginning of your future" - and you'll never forget this experience, or the Savior who changed your life. Think of it this way: What could Jesus do with my life starting right now if I would simply give Him the permis-

sion to do it? The answer to that question might feel a little scary, or even unwelcome. But have you experienced anything about Jesus so far that would make you think he is somehow disappointing, or untrustworthy, or doesn't have your best interest in mind?

Each of us have choices in life. Sometimes we'll make good choices, and sometimes we will not. What's important to remember is we have a Prince who is always with us and is constantly making us new. Like a ninja, He may not be easily visible. Like a spotlight shining in the sky, we'll know Him by a symbol. For ours is the Prince of Peace and He never wears a mask...



SUTTON, NH

For the past 20 years, Faith Presbyterian Church has participated in Group Publishing's summer workcamp program. The primary goal is the spiritual growth of high school and college-aged students. Workcamps are an intensive week of community service offering teenagers an opportunity to perform hands-on home repair projects for low income families. Projects include carpentry, roof repair, step and porch construction, weatherization, wheelchair ramp construction, painting, and drywall work.

As the campers serve, their confidence and character can grow like never before. Their faith ignites as they complete hands-on, meaningful work that really counts, and

they discover a genuine appreciation for all God has given them. Some residents must choose between putting food on the table and fixing a leaky roof. The real repairs, however, are done not to the homes, but to their lives and the lives of those they touch.

This year, we head to Sutton, NH. Every summer and fall, many people come to this part of the state to vacation amid beautiful vistas and glorious autumn colors. To get to their seasonal homes, they pass older, smaller homes—homes that are inhabited by families who've lived here for generations. Many of these homes need work but no one stops and offers to do these things. Until now. True, the people headed to the lakes and mountains may never notice what you've done, but the ones who walk back from the mailbox every morning sure will. And they will bless God, and you, for it.

The theme for this year's workcamp was **MADE**. This booklet has guided us through the primary scriptural focus of this summer's workcamp, Revelations 21:5. We hope God's word has spoken to you just as it has to us.



**THANK YOU FOR
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A
DIFFERENCE!**



Faith Workcamps is thrilled to be attending its 21st camp this year in Sutton, NH! Be sure to stay up-to-date with all of the workcamp happenings by checking out our daily video blog, photos, and twitter feeds at FaithWorkcamps.com. We'd love to hear your feedback, so please feel free to leave us a comment on the blogs or you can e-mail individual campers directly by going to GroupWorkcamps.com and clicking on the "Email a Camper" link. We look forward to sharing our experiences with you both online and after we return!

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