

TOP 10

BIBLICAL
VILLIANS

CAIN

Sunday, July 30, 2023, 11:15am
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
Top 10 Biblical Villains...Cain

The Bible's first murderer, Cain, wasn't happy when God favored his brother's offering over his. Even after being rebuked by God, Cain let his jealousy take over, killed Abel, and then lied to God about it.

Opening Praise Song

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: We belong to Him,

C: but I am not righteous, for I have done the evil He forbids. I am not upright in heart, for I have thought to save myself. I am not at peace, for I have led others astray in my thoughtless words. I cannot save myself. Forgive me and lead me in paths pleasing to You, gracious God.

P: Although you have sinned, God still surrounds you with His protection. He sent His Word to turn your thoughts back to His grace and mercy. His peace is made sure for you in the life, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus. In His gracious love, God declares you to be His good and righteous child. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God!

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Together we pray,

C: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Children's Time

Genesis 4:1-12 [Sermon Text]

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

1 John 3:11-15

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(Matthew 13:44-52)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Praise Song

The Sermon *Cain*

P: Please rise and join me as we profess our faith,

C: Nicene Creed

The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes

The Prayers of His Children

P: Let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus, our Lord, who kept all Your gracious promises, who died for the sins of the whole world, and from whom nothing in all creation can separate us. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying,

C: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross, Amen.

The Words of our Lord

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Jesus, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,

C: LORD'S PRAYER

The Distribution of Holy Communion

God's Benediction

Sending Praise Song

Ministry Announcements