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January 31, 2021

# MATTHEW

*Truly I Say To You*



# welcome

## our purpose

We are delighted that you joined us today! Our purpose is to glorify God by making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. Our ministry vision is to love God with all that we are, and love others as much as we love ourselves.

As you worship with us today, you'll notice how often we reference the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We don't have it all figured out, but we know that God saves sinners through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Please join us as we exalt God by singing about his greatness and as we seek to know more about him from the Bible.

## the gospel

You will hear us talk about the gospel a lot. Actually it is the center of everything we do here at Highlands.

1. **God** - the only all-knowing, all-powerful King and Creator of all things. He created us to enjoy and glorify him forever. [Psalm 19:1-2; Romans 1:18-32]
2. **Sin** - Yet, we rejected God, and established ourselves as gods of our lives, separating ourselves from Him, and becoming objects of His wrath. In so doing we also unleashed sin, sickness, death and evil. [Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 5:12-14]
3. **Christ** - In God's unparalleled mercy and grace, He already had a plan to reconcile us to Himself. The entire Old Testament points to the coming of the Messiah - revealed in the New Testament as Jesus Christ. [John 1; Ephesians 2:4-7; Romans 3:21-26]
4. **Response** - None of this is effective for us unless we respond in two ways: repent/turn from our self control and sin [Mark 1:15], and believe in the gospel [John 3:16-18]. We are then given new life in Christ, forgiven, justified, adopted into God's family, and we persevere in the faith. [1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Matthew 24:13; Ephesians 4:1]

## calendar

- See the Events Page on our website or app for more info!
- Monday Night Care Group - every Monday 7pm at church
- Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Zoom
- MidWeek Study - Wednesdays @ 6:30pm - we are BACK!
- Next Steps membership class - Sunday, February 14, 2021
- Don't forget about the Baby Bottles! Pick one up today or fill one online!

## finances

General Offering - Dec '20	\$29,598.85
Designated Gifts - Dec '20	\$1,690.50
YTD General Offering thru Dec '20	\$272,612
2020 Budget	\$322,562.00

*Thank you so much for your generous gifts to the ministry of the church at Highlands. During this unprecedented time you can still continue to give online at [www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give](http://www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give)*

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# worship guide

January 31, 2021

Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 5:1-12. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

## COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“...to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified”

(Isaiah 61:3 ESV)

## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Think about the Beatitudes - how do you think someone new to the Bible might interpret the words of Jesus?
- When have you been “poor in spirit” and what was helpful to you?
- Compare Isaiah 61:1-3 with Luke 4:16-21 - what is Jesus saying in the synagogue? How does that relate to Matthew 5:4?
- Where do you need to grow in meekness?
- Read the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant in Matthew 18:23-35. What does this say about forgiving others? How is that a characteristic of a disciple?
- Is there anyone that you need to make peace with? What steps will you take to do so?
- Think about the persecuted church. How can we help?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Matthew 5:13-16.

## SING

The Wonderful Cross | O Fount of Love | Death Was Arrested | I Will Wait for You | Behold Our God

# sermon notes

January 31, 2021

## MATTHEW 5:1-12

*Christian Counterculture - The Beatitudes*

1. Disciples...[5:1-12]

- **live in dependence on God [v3]**
- **mourn for sin [v4; Isaiah 61:1-3]**
- **are humble [v5; Psalm 37:11]**
- **pursue holiness [v6]**
- **show mercy [v7; Matt 18:35]**
- **keep a clean heart [v8; 1 Peter 1:22]**
- **are peacemakers [v9; Romans 5:1]**
- **are persecuted [v10-12; Acts 5:41]**

**Verse 1**

**When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Verse 2**

**See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Chorus 1**

**O the wonderful cross,  
O the wonderful cross,  
Bids me come and die and find  
That I may truly live.**

**O the wonderful cross,  
O the wonderful cross,  
All who gather here by grace  
Draw near and bless Your name.**

**Verse 3**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were an offering far too small.  
Love so amazing so divine  
Demands my soul my life my all!**

**Chorus 1**



**Verse 1**

**O fount of love divine that flows  
From my Savior's bleeding side  
Where sinners trade their filthy rags  
For His righteousness applied**

**Mercy cleansing ev'ry stain  
Now rushing o'er us like a flood  
There the wretch and vilest ones  
Stand adopted through His blood**

**Verse 2**

**O mount of grace to Thee we cling  
From the law hath set us free  
Once and for all on Calv'ry's hill  
Love and justice shall agree**

**Praise the Lord the price is paid  
The curse defeated by the Lamb  
We who once were slaves by birth  
Sons and daughters now we stand**

**Verse 3**

**O well of joy is mine to drink  
For my Lord has conquered death  
Victorious forevermore  
The ancient foe is laid to rest**

**Hallelujah Christ is King  
Alive and reigning on the throne  
Our tongues employed with hymns of praise  
Glory be to God alone**

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Glory be to God alone**

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin  
Lost without hope with no place to begin  
Your love Made a way to let mercy come in  
When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains  
My orphan heart was given a name  
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance  
When death was arrested and my life began

Oh, Your grace so free  
Washes over me  
You have made me new  
Now life begins with You

It's your endless love  
Pouring down on us  
You have made us new  
Now life begins with You

Released from my chains I'm a prisoner no more  
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore  
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend  
When death was arrested and my life began

Oh, Your grace so free  
Washes over me  
You have made me new  
Now life begins with You

It's your endless love  
Pouring down on us  
You have made us new  
Now life begins with You

Our savior displayed on a criminal's cross  
Darkness rejoiced as though heaven had lost  
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand  
That's when death was arrested and my life began

**Oh, Your grace so free  
Washes over me  
You have made me new  
Now life begins with You**

**It's your endless love  
Pouring down on us  
You have made us new  
Now life begins with You**

**We're free, free  
Forever we're free  
Come join the song  
Of all the redeemed**

**Yes, we're free free  
Forever amen  
When death was arrested and my life began**

**Oh, we're free, free  
Forever we're free  
Come join the song  
Of all the redeemed**

**Yes, we're free free, forever amen  
When death was arrested and my life began  
When death was arrested and my life began  
When death was arrested and my life began**

**Verse 1**

**Out of the depths I cry to You  
In darkest places I will call  
Incline Your ear to me anew  
And hear my cry for mercy**

**Verse 2**

**Were You to count my sinful ways  
How could I come before Your throne  
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze  
I stand redeemed by grace alone**

**Chorus 1**

**I will wait for You, I will wait for You  
On Your word I will rely  
I will wait for You, Surely wait for You  
Til my soul is satisfied**

**Verse 3**

**So put your hope in God alone  
Take courage in His power to save  
Completely and forever won  
By Christ emerging from the grave**

**Chorus 1**

**Verse 4**

**Now He has come to make a way  
And God Himself has paid the price  
That all who trust in Him today  
Find healing in His sacrifice  
That all who trust in Him today  
Find healing in His sacrifice**

**Chorus 2**

**I will wait for You, I will wait for You  
Through the storm and through the night  
I will wait for You, Surely wait for You  
For Your love is my delight**



**Verse 1**

**Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice.**

**Chorus 1**

**Behold our God seated on His throne,  
Come let us adore Him.  
Behold our King, nothing can compare,  
Come let us adore Him.**

**Verse 2**

**Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?**

**Who can teach the One  
Who knows all things?  
Who can fathom  
All His wondrous deeds?**

**Chorus 1**

**Behold our God seated on His throne,  
Come let us adore Him.  
Behold our King, nothing can compare,  
Come let us adore Him.**

**Verse 3**

**Who has felt the nails upon His hand,  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus Savior risen now to reign!**

**Chorus 1**

**Behold our God seated on His throne,  
Come let us adore Him.  
Behold our King, nothing can compare,  
Come let us adore Him!**

**Bridge**

**You will reign forever**

**(Let Your glory fill the earth)**

**Chorus 1**

**Behold our God seated on His throne,**

**Come let us adore Him.**

**Behold our King, nothing can compare,**

**Come let us adore Him.**

**Behold our God seated on His throne,**

**Come let us adore Him.**

**Behold our King, nothing can compare,**

**Come let us adore Him.**

**O come let us adore Him**

**O come let us adore Him**

**O come let us adore Him**

**Christ the Lord**

**For He alone is worthy**

**For He alone is worthy**

**For He alone is worthy**

**Christ the Lord**

**We'll give Him all the Glory**

**We'll give Him all the Glory**

**We'll give Him all the Glory**

**Christ the Lord**