

# leadership

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February 21, 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
- MidWeek Study - Wednesdays @ 6:30pm
- Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Zoom
- **Please return your Baby Bottles! Thank you!**
- Voice Of the Martyrs Virtual Event - Friday, March 5th 6:30pm
- Prayer Meeting - Sunday, March 7th 6pm
- Member Meeting - Sunday, March 21st 6pm
- Next Steps Membership Class - Sunday, April 11th 6pm

## finances

General Offering - Jan '21	\$22, 698.68
Designated Gifts - Jan '21	\$340.50
YTD General Offering thru Jan '21	\$22,698.68
2021 Budget	\$314,511.00

*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

February 21, 2021

Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 5:21-26. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

## COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed.”

(Romans 2:1-5 ESV)

## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What does the average person think about murder? Why does it seem to be one of the most serious sins?
- How can Jesus’ words be so authoritative? Where else in Scripture does it speak of the authority of Jesus’ teaching?
- How can we avoid thinking sinful thoughts about others?
- Review the passage above. What are the dangers of treating God merely like one of our human relationships?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Matthew 5:27-30.

## SING

Everlasting God | All I Have is Christ | O Praise the Name | How Deep the Father’s Love for Us | Hallelujah! What a Savior

# sermon notes

February 21, 2021

## MATTHEW 5:21-26

*Law Exposition #1: Murder and Reconciliation*

1. You Have Heard It Said... [5:21-22; Exodus 20:13]

**Sinful thoughts about others lead to sinful actions against others.**

2. Don’t Bother With Church. [5:23-24; Romans 12:18]

**Reconciliation precedes worship.**

3. Urgency and Consequences [5:25-26; Ephesians 4:26]

**Big Idea: Why face judgment if reconciliation is possible?**

**Verse 1**

**Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
Wait upon the Lord  
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Wait upon the Lord  
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**Pre-chorus**

**Our God You reign forever  
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer**

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**Chorus 1**

**You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles**

**Verse 1**

**Pre-chorus**

**Chorus 1**

**Verse 1**

I once was lost in darkest night  
Yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life  
Had led me to the grave

I had no hope that You would own  
A rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first  
I would refuse You still

**Verse 2**

But as I ran my hell-bound race  
Indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state  
And led me to the cross

And I beheld God's love displayed  
You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me  
Now all I know is grace

**Chorus 1**

Hallelujah all I have is Christ  
Hallelujah Jesus is my life

**Verse 3**

Now Lord I would be Yours alone  
And live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands  
Could never come from me

O Father use my ransomed life  
In any way You choose  
And let my song forever be  
My only boast is You

**Chorus 1**

**Verse 1**

**I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet  
My Savior on that cursed tree**

**Verse 2**

**His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone**

**Chorus**

**O praise the name  
Of the Lord our God  
O praise His name forever more**

**For endless days  
We will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God**

**Verse 3**

**Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of Heaven rose again  
O trampled death, where is your sting?  
The angels roar For Christ the King**

**Chorus**

**O praise the name  
Of the Lord our God  
O praise His name forever more**

**For endless days  
We will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God**

**Verse 4**

**He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face**

**Chorus**

**O praise the name  
Of the Lord our God  
O praise His name forever more**

**For endless days  
We will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God**

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**O Lord,  
Oh Lord our God**

**How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.**

**How great the pain of searing loss -  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.**

**It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life -  
I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.**

**Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

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**VERSE 1**

**“Man of sorrows,” what a name  
For the Son of God who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim!  
Hallelujah! what a Savior!**

**VERSE 2**

**Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned He stood,  
Sealed my pardon with His blood;  
Hallelujah! what a Savior!**

**VERSE 3**

**Guilty vile and helpless we;  
Spotless Lamb of God was He;  
“Full atonement!” can it be?  
Hallelujah! what a Savior!**

**VERSE 4**

**Lifted up was He to die,  
“It is finished,” was His cry;  
Now in heav’n exalted high,  
Hallelujah! what a Savior!**

**VERSE 5**

**When He comes, our glorious King,  
All His ransomed home to bring,  
Then a new this song we’ll sing,  
Hallelujah! what a Savior!**