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May 2, 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]

kingdom kids

We love kids at Highlands!

Kids will be dismissed to downstairs before the sermon. Pick up will be outside, weather permitting! Please see one of our security team at the check-in desk for more info.

Current Classes: Explorers (0-2)
Discoverers (2-3) and Adventurers (4-Grade 2)

calendar

- **See the Events Page on our website or app for more info!**
- Monday Night Care Group - every Monday 7pm at church
- Wednesdays: Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Zoom
- Wednesdays: MidWeek Study - 6:30pm Wednesdays - at church
- Work Day - Sat, May 8th - 8am-12pm
- Member Meeting - Sun, May 23rd, 6pm
- Next Steps Membership Class - Sunday, June 13th, 6pm

finances

General Offering - Mar 2021	\$23,674.01
Designated Gifts - Mar 2021	\$571.46
YTD General Offering thru Mar 2021	\$66,673.51
2021 Budget	\$314,511.00

Thank you so much for your generous gifts to the ministry of the church at Highlands. Additionally, you can give anytime online at www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give

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worship guide

May 2, 2021

Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 6:19-24. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, at the Lord's Table, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.”

(1 Timothy 6:6-10 ESV)

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What is our society's attitude toward material possessions?
- What historically have been the church's attitude towards material possessions?
- How can you tell if you are storing up earthly treasure for yourself?
- What does your spending say about what you love?
- Look at Luke 11:34-35 - how can we be “careful that the light in us doesn't become darkness?”
- NEXT WEEK'S PASSAGE: Matthew 6:25-34

SING

The Wonderful Cross | O Fount of Love |
O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer | Jesus Thank You |
O Praise the Name [Anastasis]

sermon notes

May 2, 2021

MATTHEW 6:19-24

Right Treasure = Right Master

1. Two Treasures. [6:19-20; 1 Peter 1:3-5]

We need to attach our hearts to the right treasure.

2. Two Visions. [6:21-22; Psalm 119:10, 15; Luke 11:34-35]

We need to focus our eyes on the right treasure.

3. Two Masters. [6:24; 1 Timothy 6:6-10]

Big Idea: If we pursue the right treasure, we will serve the right master.

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

**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 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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Our tongues employed with hymns of praise
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VERSE 1

**O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God, like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone**

**Your grace, a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need**

VERSE 2

**O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts**

**My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night**

VERSE 3

**O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died**

**You rose, the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame**

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You broke my bonds of sin and shame**

**O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name
May all my days bring glory to Your Name**

Verse 1

**The myst'ry of the cross
I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary**

Jesus Thank You

**You the perfect Holy One
Crushed Your Son
Who drank the bitter cup
Reserved for me**

Chorus 1

**Your blood has
Washed away my sin
Jesus thank You**

**The Father's wrath
Completely satisfied
Jesus thank You**

**Once Your enemy
Now seated at Your table
Jesus thank You**

Verse 2

**By Your perfect sacrifice
I've been brought near
Your enemy You've
Made Your friend**

**Pouring out the riches
Of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and
Your kindness know no end**

Chorus 1

**Your blood has
Washed away my sin
Jesus thank You**

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Completely satisfied
Jesus thank You**

**Once Your enemy
Now seated at Your table
Jesus thank You**

**Bridge
Lover of my soul
I want to live for You**

**Chorus 1
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Washed away my sin
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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
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**O Lord,
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