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May 30, 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)

coming up

- **See the Events Page on our website or app for more info!**
- Monday Night Care Group - not meeting tomorrow night!
- Wednesdays: Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Zoom
- **Outside Service - Sun, June 6th, 9:30am [weather permitting!]**
- **Prayer Meeting - Sun, June 6th, 6:00pm**
- Next Steps Membership Class - Sunday, June 13th, 6pm
- Pastor Mike's Sabbatical - June 28th - Aug 9th
- Next Member Meeting - Sunday, August 22nd
- Elder Meetings - 2nd Tuesday Monthly - prayers appreciated!

finances

General Offering - April 2021	\$23,203.69
Designated Gifts - April 2021	\$550.20
YTD General Offering thru April 2021	\$89,101.70
2021 Budget	\$314,511.00

Thank you so much for your generous gifts to the ministry of the church at Highlands, our giving box is in the back at the welcome table. Additionally, you can give anytime online at www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give

Or you can mail a check to Highlands Bible Church, 307 Route 94, Vernon, NJ 07462.

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worship guide

May 30, 2021

Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 7:24-29. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.”
(Hebrews 12:25-29 ESV)

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Think about the foundation of a house - what is its purpose? What is the foundation of your life?
- Is God’s purpose more to make sure we are happy? If it’s not, what is it? [What Scriptures can you think of that say this?]
- Where is Jesus calling you to obedience and will you respect his authority to do so?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Matthew 8:1-17

SING

The Wonderful Cross | Build My Life |
Behold the Lamb | I Will Wait for You [Psalm 130] |
How Deep the Father’s Love For Us

sermon notes

May 30, 2021

MATTHEW 7:24-29

Rock, Sand, and Authority

1. Rock of Obedience. [7:24-25; Luke 6:46-48]

A strong foundation is built on obedience to Jesus.

2. Sands of Disobedience. [7:26-27]

There can be no foundation without obedience to Jesus.

3. Astonishing Authority [7:28-29; Hebrews 12:25-29]

Big Idea: Jesus has the authority to call us to obedience.

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

**Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath
we could ever breathe
And we live for You (we live for You)**

Verse 2

**Jesus, the name above every other name
Jesus, the only One who could ever save
Worthy of every breath
we could ever breathe
And we live for You, oh we live for You**

Chorus

**Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You,
open up my eyes in wonder**

**Show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love
To those around me**

Verse 1

Chorus

Bridge

**And I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken**

Chorus

Behold the Lamb

VERSE 1

**See Him there the great I Am
A crown of thorns upon His head
The Father's heart displayed for us
Oh God we thank You for the cross**

VERSE 2

**Lifted up on Calv'ry's hill
We cursed Your name and even still
You bore our shame and paid the cost
Oh God we thank You for the cross**

CHORUS

**Behold the Lamb the story of redemption
Written on His hands
Jesus You will reign forevermore
The victory is Yours**

**We sing Your praise
Endless hallelujahs to Your holy name
Jesus You will reign forevermore
The victory is Yours**

VERSE 3

**Offer up this sacrifice
For ev'ry sin our Savior died
The Lord of Life can't be contained
Our God has risen from the grave
Oh our God has risen from the grave**

CHORUS

**Behold the Lamb the story of redemption
Written on His hands
Jesus You will reign forevermore
The victory is Yours**

VERSE 4

**When the age of death is done
We'll see Your face bright as the sun
We'll bow before the King of kings
O God forever we will sing**

CHORUS

**Behold the Lamb the story of redemption
Written on His hands
Jesus You will reign forevermore
The victory is Yours**

CHORUS

**Behold the Lamb the story of redemption
Written on His hands
Jesus You will reign forevermore
The victory is Yours**

TAG

**You reign forevermore
The victory is Yours
You reign forevermore
The victory is Yours**

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 Lord**

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**

**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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His wounds have paid my ransom.**