

# leadership

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June 6, 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

NO KINGDOM KIDS TODAY!  
Enjoy the outside service together!

## coming up

- **See the Events Page on our website or app for more info!**
- Monday Night Care Group - tomorrow night, 7pm - upstairs in Loffice
- Wednesdays: Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - IN PERSON at Sussex Diner.
- **Prayer Meeting - TONIGHT, 6:00pm - upstairs in Loffice**
- 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 - May 2021	\$ 21,713.17
Designated Gifts - May 2021	\$ 445.25
YTD General Offering thru May 2021	\$ 110,814.87
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](http://www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give)*

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# worship guide

**June 6, 2021**

Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 8:1-17. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, His table, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

## COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”  
(1 Peter 2:24 ESV)

## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What is your perspective on the miracles of Jesus? Do you have a hard time believing them? Why? What is the effect of not believing they happened?
- Think about the symbolism of leprosy as being a curse of God and cutting someone off from his people and worship. What comes to mind? How is that changed in Jesus? How are we all “lepers?”
- Look again at these accounts - how can we see the compassion of Jesus in what he does and says to each person?
- Look again at Romans 4:16 - what is the promise he mentions? [hint see Genesis 12:1-2] What other passages speak to the nature of the promise being fulfilled by faith?
- How can you bear witness to Jesus caring for your physical needs but also for your deepest spiritual needs?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Matthew 8:18-22

## SING

How Firm a Foundation | Hallelujah! What a Savior |  
O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer | Living Hope |  
In Christ Alone

# sermon notes

**June 6, 2021**

## MATTHEW 8:1-17

*Miracles for the Marginalized*

1. The Leper. [8:1-4; Leviticus 13; Mark 1:40-42; Isaiah 59:2]

**Jesus is willing to make us clean.**

2. The Gentile Enemy Soldier. [8:5-13; Luke 7:2-5; Romans 4:16]

**Jesus accepts anyone who comes to him in faith.**

3. The Woman. [8:14-17; Isaiah 53:41 Peter 2:24]

**Big Idea: Jesus’ greatest miracle is making us whole.**

**Verse 1**

**How firm a foundation  
Ye saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith  
In His excellent word**

**How Firm a Foundation**

**What more can He say  
Than to you He hath said  
To you who for refuge  
To Jesus have fled**

**Verse 2**

**Fear not I am with thee  
O be not dismayed  
For I am thy God  
I will still give thee aid**

**I'll strengthen thee help thee  
And cause thee to stand  
Upheld by My righteous  
Omnipotent hand**

**Verse 3**

**When through fiery trials  
Thy pathway shall lie  
My grace all-sufficient  
Shall be thy supply**

**The flames shall not hurt  
Thee I only design  
Thy dross to consume  
And thy gold to refine**

**Verse 4**

**The soul that on Jesus  
Hath leaned for repose  
I will not I will not  
Desert to its foes**

**That soul though all hell  
Should endeavor to shake  
I'll never no never  
No never forsake**

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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  
Hallelujah! What a Savior**

**Chorus**

**Hallelujah! Praise to the One  
Whose blood has pardoned me  
Oh what a Savior, Redeemer and King  
Your love has rescued me**

**Verse 3**

**Lifted up was He to die  
It is finished was His cry  
Now in heaven exalted high  
Hallelujah! What a Savior**

**Verse 4**

**When He comes our glorious King  
All his ransomed home to bring  
Then anew this song we'll sing**

**Hallelujah! What a Savior  
Hallelujah! What a Savior**

**Chorus**

**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**

**You rose, the grave and death are conquered  
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**

**How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night**

**Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope**

**Verse 2**

**Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame**

**The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope**

**Chorus 1**

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me**

**You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope**

**Chorus 2**

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me**

**You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope**

**Verse 3**

**Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me**

**Verse 3 Repeat**

**Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Jesus Yours is the victory**

**Chorus 1**

**Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
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**Chorus 3**

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There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope**

**Tag**

**Jesus Christ my living hope  
O God you are my living hope**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

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**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.**

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**The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

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**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Verse 1**

**In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the  
Fiercest drought and storm**

**What heights of love  
What depths of peace  
When fears are stilled  
When strivings cease**

**My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand**

**Verse 2**

**In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save**

**Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live**

**Verse 3**

**There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again**

**And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

**Verse 4**

**No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny**

**No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand**

**No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
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