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June 13, 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. 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 - tomorrow night, 7pm - upstairs in Loffice
- Wednesdays: Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - IN PERSON at Sussex Diner.
- Next Steps Membership Class - TODAY, 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

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Questions? info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org or see Chris Deming.

worship guide

June 13, 2021

Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 8:18-22. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

(Luke 9:59–62 ESV)

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What were [are?] your expectations when you decided to follow Jesus? Did you think your life would be easier or harder?
- Look at Daniel 7:13-14 - what other things can you pull out that fit with the mission of Jesus?
- Why does the response of Jesus in v22 seem harsh? Is it? Why or why not?
- What other things in your life are a higher priority than following Jesus? What needs to be demoted?
- Why is a radical commitment to Jesus the most rewarding?
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Matthew 8:23-27

SING

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery | Only a Holy God |
O Great God | I Will Wait for You |
Christ Is Mine Forevermore

sermon notes

June 13, 2021

MATTHEW 8:18-22

Radical Commitment Required

1. The Scribe. [8:18-20; Matthew 16:24-25; Daniel 7:13-14]

Disciples shouldn't have high earthly expectations.

2. First Things First? [8:21-22; Luke 9:60-62]

Disciples follow Jesus as their highest priority.

Big Idea: Disciples make a radical commitment to Jesus.

VERSE 1

**Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity**

**In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us**

VERSE 2

**Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin**

**See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand**

VERSE 3

**Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory**

**See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold**

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

VERSE 4

**Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord; He is alive!**

**What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes**

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Only a Holy God

VERSE 1

**Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God**

VERSE 2

**What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God**

CHORUS

**Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God**

VERSE 3

**What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God**

VERSE 4

**Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God!**

CHORUS

**Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
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Come and worship the Holy God**

Verse 1

**O great God of highest heav'n
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r**

**Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forever more**

Verse 2

**I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys**

**Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace**

Verse 3

**Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face**

**You are worthy to be praised
With my ev'ry thought and deed
O great God of highest heav'n
Glorify Your Name through me**

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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

**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 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

Verse 1

**Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings**

Chorus 1

**But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore**

Verse 2

**Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good**

Chorus 2

**But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me**

Verse 3

**Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name**

Chorus 3

**But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore**

Chorus 4

**And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore**

**Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore**

Bridge

**Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore**

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