

Morning Worship

April 2, 2017

Pastor — Allan Lane

Organ --- Alva Lou Schottel

Worship Leader — Tim Waters

Piano — Sharon Waters

As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.

(CCLI permit # 424692 covers all copyright song lyrics)

Scripture Reading *Psalms 96:9-13* Tim/People

Hymn # 7 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Tim/People

Worship Prayer Allan Lane

Welcome and Fellowship Allan/People

Chorus # 29 *How Majestic is Your Name* Tim/People

Missions Moment

Hymn # 139 *At the Cross* Tim/People

Hymn # 345 *Now I Belong to Jesus* Tim/People

Offering Prayer Bill Schottel

Tithes and Offerings People

Offering Music Sharon Waters

Anthem *Christ in Me* Worship Choir

Children's Worship (Children are dismissed)

Scripture Reading Allan/People

Message *Malachi: Be Steadfast* Allan Lane

Hymn # 294 *Have Thine Own Way Lord* Tim/People

Prayer Concerns Allan/People

Chorus # 533 *He Lives* Tim/People

The Royal Son of God

Matthew 1:1, 2:1-2

In his first verse, Matthew makes an amazing claim which sets the theme for his Gospel, "The King and His kingdom." Matthew's answer to the question, "Who is this man on the cross?" is found in great length while revealing King Jesus and how He relates to those of His Kingdom.

Dr. Warren Wiersbe outlined Matthew's Gospel, scholarly and perfectly, in light of the Kingship of Jesus Christ.

1. The Revelation of the King. Matthew 1-10

In these first 10 chapters of Matthew's Gospel we hear the phrase over and over again, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand."

A. His person—(ch.1-4)

We are not offered much detail about His person but we have some of the highlights of His life.

B. His principles (ch.5-7)

This is the Sermon on the Mount. Here Jesus outlines how are character ought to be. This is the greatest sermon ever preached on record, because it's the only recorded sermon of Christ Jesus. One highlight here is in 6:31-34.

C. His power (ch.8-10)

These three chapters show His miracle working power. We sing the old hymn but do we believe there is power, power, wonder working power? Believe with all your

heart Jesus will take care of you. Believe with all your heart that no matter what Jesus works on your behalf. You can trust God to be faithful even when we are faithless. What power He has for us!

2. The Rebellion against the King. Matthew 11-13

The rebellion starts with the rejection of His messenger John the Baptist in chapter 11. It's amazing at the correlation in Scripture of the rejection of God first started with the rejection of the prophets of God. The same is true here in Jesus' life. They rejected His prophet John The Baptist.

Over and over again we see this truth amplified even in Acts. The people were reminded of the fact of how they rejected God's messenger. I wonder if that is still true today? Could it be we spend more time worrying what a church member thinks or feels than we do what God's Messenger says in a sermon?

So they attacked the King. They attacked His works. They accused Him of working for the devil. That's how He was able to do all He did. He's providing some sort of hocus pocus stuff. Then they refused to obey what He said. Boy, what a testimony for us. Blatant disobedience to His Word is sin. And so is gossip, and slander, and attacks on other people.

So then they attacked Him personally. This is always the progression. Satan wants a person to reject God's man, God's work, God's Word and then God Himself. This leads to a total rebellion of the authority of God.

3. The Retirement of the King. Matthew 14-20

King Jesus had become more and more in demand. The demands on the King of Kings became so great He had to constantly retire from the crowds to get alone with the Father. He left the multitudes to spend time with the disciples and then left the disciples to spend time with God. We can't stress this enough in life and in ministry. There are times when you need a break. It is usually when it is time to get to the next level or breakthrough in your Christian life.

It doesn't mean we quit, it simply means we have to take a step back, get a deep breath and spend time alone with God. The daily pressures are overwhelming sometimes. So we need that time alone with God.

4. The Rejection of the King. Matthew 21-27

As Matthew's Gospel unfolds it builds into a final showdown (21:23-27). The leaders question the authority given to Him by God. It's already been proven He is the King, He's the one Messiah anointed and chosen by God. Rather than respecting and supporting that they are rejecting and doing everything they can to spoil His relationship to His subjects as well as His credibility as the King. Isn't that interesting that when someone attacks you as a Christian they are really attacking the Lord Jesus. It's sort of like witnessing. They aren't rejecting us. As we witness they are rejecting Jesus Himself.

As you look at these chapters and see the constant attacks you can't help but notice God and Satan at work at the same time. It was God's plan for Jesus to die on the Cross. We are told in his word, "The lamb was slain before the foundation of the world."

Jesus death on the cross was not Plan B. It was always the Only Plan. Jesus death wasn't the will of men. It was the will of God. Jesus turned every man's fate into a right relationship with God on the cross.

Oswald Chambers wrote in *My Utmost For His Highest*, "The center of salvation is the Cross of Jesus, and the reason it is easy to obtain salvation is because it cost God so much. The Cross is the point where God and sinful man merge with a crash and the way to life is opened—but the crash is on the very heart of God."

In his book "Finishing Strong" Steven Farrar tells how Pastor Oswald Chambers knew what rejection really meant. As a young minister he was building a church in a tiny English village. People were traveling from miles around to hear him preach. As God was blessing his ministry Satan attacked him. A young lady came forward and claimed that Oswald Chambers had tried to force his self on her. The word spread as it always does and even though it was all a lie the people believed the woman.

He thought his ministry was over, the people had rejected him and maybe God had too. But he refused to allow bitterness to control his life and with God's help he recovered became a pastor again and wrote the wonderful devotional that millions still read today.

5. The Resurrection of the King. Matthew 28

How could the story end at the Cross? It just wouldn't be right! The Bible is full of examples of do overs and pictures of Jesus resurrecting lives. How many times do we need to see Jesus show up, show out and show the way? However many times it takes.

Conclusion

Did you know the United States once had an emperor? Believe it or not, it's true – at least, it was in the rather confused mind of Joshua A. Norton. Norton lived in San Francisco during the gold-rush days of the 1800's. He was a colorful character, to say the least. When speculation in the rice market brought him to financial ruin, something happened to Norton's mind. He declared himself "Emperor of These United States." It might have been a practical joke, or it might have been the result of a clouded mind. Whatever the initial reason, Norton's pretending soon grew into a delusion. In 1859 he published a proclamation that he was emperor according to an act of the California legislature. He found a sword, stuck a plume in his hat, found a cape, and marched the streets in this colorful costume.

The citizens of San Francisco were amused by this ploy and so played the game with him. They gave him recognition with free tickets to special events. He was invited to gala opening nights. In fact, they allowed him to collect a small tax and issue his own currency. It was all done in the spirit of fun. But to Norton it was serious business. In fact, he expanded his authority to "Emperor of These United States and Protector of Mexico.

When he died in 1880, more than ten thousand curious people attended Norton's funeral service – it's still one of the largest funerals ever to take place in California. He lived and died in his own delusion of grandeur. He didn't hurt anyone; in fact, he brought a bit of a smile and a chuckle to people who came across his path. But make no mistake about it. Joshua A. Norton was never really the emperor. Had he really insisted on a confrontation with the United States government, he would have been disposed of rather quickly. More than likely, he would have been confined to an insane asylum for the rest of his life.

Imagine the poor soul who enters eternity convinced that life was all about them, that they were the focus of the universe. What a shock to find that the Bible's title for Jesus is accurate. He is King of Kings, Lord of Lords, and no pretend emperor will ever take his place.

So what do we need to do to recognize Jesus as King?

1. Fix your eyes upon the King of Kings, and not on yourself.

Steve Brown tells the frustrating story of some British social scientists. Following the end of British rule in India in the 1940's, a group of researchers wanted to study the impact of the end of British rule on the life of the nation. After six months, the British social scientists gave up, and went home. Though the British had been present

in India since the 1600's, many people in the villages of the country were not aware that the British had ever been there! Could it be that God himself has visited the world and people have lived and died without ever being aware of the event? We live in a world where the King has come but millions are totally unaware that He is present. (Brown is Professor of Preaching at Reformed Seminary, Orlando, FL)

2. The King of Kings wants you to be in his royal circle!

There's an old story of the boy who stood on a sidewalk, waiting on a bus. A man walking by spotted the boy, and gave him some gentle instruction. "Son," he said, "if you're waiting on the bus, you need to move to the street corner. That's where the bus stops for passengers." "It's OK," said the boy. "I'll just wait right here, and the bus will stop for me." The man repeated his argument, but the boy never moved. Just then, the bus appeared. Amazingly, the bus pulled over to where the boy stood, and the child hopped on. The man on the sidewalk stood speechless. The boy turned around in the doorway and said, "Mister, I knew the bus would stop here, because the bus driver is my dad!" When you've got a family relationship with the bus driver, you don't need a bus stop. If your mother is a US Senator, you won't need an appointment to slip into her office. If you've given your heart to the King of Kings, you're in a royal family of unspeakable proportions.

3. Since Jesus is the King of Kings, he deserves your ultimate attention and devotion.

A few years ago, a minister and his family climbed aboard a rubber raft for a ride down the rapids of the Rio Grande River. They had never been on such an adventure, but all were experienced swimmers, and the river seemed to be fairly shallow. It seemed to be a harmless proposition. Their guide, a young woman from California, instructed them on how to maneuver the raft, and spent several minutes teaching them to work together as a unit, paddling and rowing and listening for her voice. In time, she pushed away from the quiet area where they'd practiced, and they raced over the first series of rapids. It was an exhilarating experience, and they enjoyed the ride.

Unfortunately, the guide was not impressed with their inability to remember all the instructions, and ignore the guide's commands. When they came to the next quiet area, the guide pulled over to the river bank and looked each one squarely in the eye.

"Look," she said. "You've got to listen for my voice, and follow instructions. People die out here. People get hurt out here. Your life is at risk, and so is mine. We can't go on if you don't listen to my voice and follow instructions." To say the least, she had their attention. All agreed to give it another shot, and performed much better on the next set of rapids.

By the end of the experience, they understood why their guide had been so impassioned. The rapids increased in fury, and had they not gotten accustomed to listening for their guide's voice and following instructions, they would have been in big trouble.

There are a lot of rapids in life, but the biggest test is yet to come. At the end of life, when we meet the God who created us, what kind of answer shall we give to the way we listened for God's voice, and whether or not we followed instructions? Hebrews 2:1-3 "We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?"

Declare Jesus As King!

Oh, To Be Royalty

There's a humorous story about a Jewish father who was concerned about his son. He had not truly raised him to be grounded in Judaism. Hoping to remedy this he sent his son to Israel so the boy could experience his heritage. A year later the young man returned home. He said, "Father, thank you for sending me to the land of our Fathers. It was wonderful and enlightening. However, I must confess that while in Israel I converted to Christianity." "Oh (groan) what have I done?" the father thought. So in the tradition of the patriarchs he went to his best friend and sought his advice and solace. "It is amazing that you should come to me," stated his friend, "I too sent my son to Israel and he also returned a Christian." So in the traditions of the Patriarchs they went to the Rabbi. "It is amazing that you should come to me," stated the Rabbi, "I too sent my son to Israel and he returned a Christian. Brothers, we must take this to Yahweh." They fell to their knees and began to wail and pour out their hearts to the Almighty. As they prayed, the clouds above opened and a mighty voice stated, "Amazing that you should come to Me. I, too, sent My Son to Israel..." Well, you get the message.

People will pay big bucks to be royal. A scrap book that once belonged to Britain's Queen Victoria went up for auction, and the bidding reached £53,400 (101,117.42 dollars). One of the bidders is hoping to prove their royal heritage through a hair that belonged to Victoria contained in the memorabilia. But, to be of regal birth, one doesn't need to be descended from the great kings and queens. One only needs to believe in Jesus Christ.

In his autobiography, Mahatma Gandhi wrote that during his student days he read the Gospels seriously and considered converting to Christianity. He believed that in the teachings of Jesus he could find the solution to the caste system that was dividing the people of India. So one Sunday he decided to attend services at a nearby church and talk to the minister about becoming a Christian. When he entered the sanctuary, however, the usher refused to give him a seat and suggested that he go worship with his own people. Gandhi left the church and never returned. "If Christians have caste differences also," he said, "I might as well remain a Hindu." That usher's prejudice not only betrayed Jesus but also turned a person away from trusting Him as Savior (from Our Daily Bread, March 6, 1994).

A genealogy is a list of a person's ancestor, showing their family tree. To be honest, they are usually not very interesting. In general, they are people that you have never heard of, and their lives are usually boiled down to a few dates and relationships. There is a song that sums up genealogies to me. It tells about a widow who remarried. Her grown daughter later married her new husband's father. Each couple had a child. You probably know the song: "I'm My Own Grandpa."

Peter tells us who we are in Christ (1 Peter 2:9-10). We were once nobodies, but in Christ we are royalty!

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan

Opportunities For Service

Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan

Sunday, April 2, 2017

Choir Rehearsal.....9:00 am

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Larry McKahan, Isaac Waters, Ken Kirkpatrick, Bill Schottel

Alternate: Ken Nice

Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

Monday, April 3

Food Kitchen.....5:30 pm

Wednesday, April 5

Youth Bible Study.....6:30 pm
Bible Study.....6:30 pm
Adult Choir.....7:30 pm

Thursday, April 6

G Team.....6:30 pm

Saturday, April 8

Keyboard Festival 9:00-Noon

Sunday, April 9, 2017***Palm Sunday***

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:15 am
Morning Worship.....10:30 am
Nursery: Volunteers as needed
Ushers: ? ? ? ?, Ken Nice, Don Sharp, Fred Kerns
Alternate: Isaac Waters

Evening Worship.....6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 12

Prayer Warriors.....10:00 am
Youth Study..... 6:30 pm
Prayer / Bible Study6:30 pm
Adult Choir 7:30 pm

Thursday, April 13

R Team.....6:30 pm

Up-Coming Events.....

April 3 — Food Kitchen 5:30 pm

April 8 — Keyboard Festival 9:00am—Noon

April 9 — Palm Sunday

April 12 — Prayer Warriors 10:00 am

April 16 — Easter

April 23 — Diversicare 2:30 pm

April 28-30 — Thunder on the Mountain

April 30 — SJBA Semi-Annual Meeting Fairport Baptist Church 6:30 pm

GROW Team

Commit to **GROW! Everyone make a contact!** Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

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Sunday Nights

Please join us tonight at 6:30 pm as we begin a new study. Hope to see you here.

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

We are in the middle of a study entitled *Grace*. This week we view the fifth session of the study by Max Lucado as we journey to discover the depth of God's grace—*more than you deserve, greater than you can imagine, and all that you need*. Hope to see you here at 6:30 pm!

Food Kitchen

We will serve Monday, April 3, at 5:30 pm. Please feel free to join us as we show the love of Christ and minister to those in need.

North American Missions And Annie Armstrong

Easter Offering

Envelopes are in the pews
for your convenience.

Our goal: \$1,500.00

To Date: \$ 818.00

Keyboard Festival

April 8th

Calvary Baptist Church

9 am—Noon

Prayer Warriors Wednesday, April 12, 2017 10:00 am

Easter Schedule

Please remember that Easter is Sunday, April 16. Be watching for an Easter schedule of events for that morning.

Kathryn Beavers' New Address—

Diversicare
3002 North 18th Street
Room 405
Saint Joseph, MO 64505
Phone: (816) 364-3293

To reach Kathryn, call this number. At the message, enter 2405 and this should ring her room.

For the Record

Attendance: March 26, 2017

Sunday School.....42
Visitors..... 1
Total..... 43
Contacts Made..... 4
Morning Worship..... 54
Children's Worship..... 11
Wednesday Night 17

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget \$ 2,040.52
Offering Received ... \$ 1,661.06
Annie Armstrong \$ 818.00
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Offering Received by Mail:

April Counting Team:

Don Beavers and Jordan Lane

April Van Driver:

Mike Green

Remember to call 232-3747
before 8 am if you need a ride.

April Member Birthdays:

05... Datha Dillon
13... Alice Coats
15... Larry McKahan
25... Jo Mayse
29... Lois Pace
30... Daniel Waters
30... Nikki Garber

April Anniversaries

Joe and Pam Battreal
April 17, 1999
Bill and Juanita Haskins
April 17, 1948
Joseph and Alice Coats
April 29, 2000

Prayer Requests ...

Mary Sharp's brother-in-law
Don and Marcia —Don's Health
Datha Dillon and family
Troy Griswold—surgery recovery

Rev. A. B. Brown
Tracy Maisel and Tim Ford
Juanita and Bill Haskins—adjustments
Tim Izer
Gary & Peggy Fewins, Byron & Joel
George Ferbert—strength
Nellie Reynolds
Larry Danner—cancer treatment
Cynthia Burdick—cancer recovery
Jim Winans
Karissa and Matt Long and family
Betty Campbell
Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo’s daughter
LoLeta Middleton—strength
Ellen Blanton and Lois Ulmer—
 Elvera’s daughter & daughter-in-law
Stella Davis and Linda Rails—Doris
 Richardson’s sisters
Madeline Swink Ann Riddle
Kathryn Beavers Keon McKahan
Louanne Laurence Leona Reynolds
Jozy Winans Kenny Duty
Kevin Duty Buddy Means
Bill Haskins Debbie Sands
Pat Puckett Judy Anderson
Brenda Burgess Roscoe Lane
Carolyn Houts
Missionaries Don and Diane Combs
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church
David and Deborah Grace
Jeanette Swackhamer—Beja People
Our Nation and Leaders
Our Military Service people
Today’s Prayer Requests ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...
