

PRAY

1. Leaders in worship:
Richard Taylor , Brandon Ramey & the Worship Ministry
2. God will meet with us through His word and by His Spirit, lead us to worship Christ and grow in Christ-likeness.
3. God will help us to be a church of zeal and hope, passionate about ministry and confident in His promises.
4. God will make us more passionate about and obedient to His mission of leading people to trust and follow Christ.

MUSIC

PRELUDE MUSIC

Various Hymns

Feat: Mickey Vaughn

CORPORATE SINGING

The Glory Is Yours

Steven Furtick & Carl Cartee

Christ Is Enough

Reuben Morgan & Jonas Myrin

ADORATION SONGS

No Sweeter Name

Kari Jobe

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Joseph M. Scriven

PREPARE FOR THE MESSAGE

“Whose Report Will You Believe”— Number 13

This Sunday Richard Taylor continues his “Transitions” series, “There is Joy in the Journey.” The sermon this Sunday is from Numbers 13 and is titled “Whose Report Will You Believe?” Prepare for this Sunday by reading Numbers 13. This text recounts a major turning point in the journey of the Israelites. Will they be willing to trust the Lord’s promise that he will give them the Promised Land? Based on the reports from some of the spies the Promised Land doesn’t look so promising. They seem to accentuate the negative. In thinking of the journey of our church, are you willing to trust God’s direction in this transition period of our church? Are you trusting God’s guidance? Do you see obstacles or opportunities?

LYRICS

The Glory Is Yours

VERSE 1

Blessing honor strength and power
Is Yours alone now and forever
A love this world could never stop
There is no one like our God
Reaching down to touch the broken
Mercy breaking through each moment
Faithful is the one who saves
Worthy is Your name

CHORUS

Oh God the glory is Yours
The kingdom is come
And the battle is over
Jesus in Your name we rise
And the glory is Yours
The glory is Yours

VERSE 2

Throngs of angels watch and wonder
On that day when time is over
Every heart at least proclaim
Worthy is Your name

BRIDGE

Nobody beside You
There has never been anyone anything like You
Nobody beside You
There has never been anyone anything like You

No Sweeter Name

VERSE

No sweeter name than the name of Jesus
No sweeter name have I ever known
No sweeter name than the name of Jesus
No sweeter name than the name of Jesus
No sweeter name have I ever known
No sweeter name than the name of Jesus

CHORUS

You are the life to my heart and my soul
You are the light to the darkness around me
You are the hope to the hopeless and broken
You are the only truth and the way

VERSE

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BRIDGE

Jesus, Jesus
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RESPOND TO THE SERMON

Sunday, Apr. 8 "The Conspiracy of Cover-up"

Matthew 28:11-15

Truth: The culprits of the cover-up of the resurrection of Jesus are the political leaders, the religious leaders, and the soldiers. They knew the truth but decided to conceal the truth.

Response: Here we see that even Jesus' enemies admitted his tomb was empty. They made claims as to how it was removed and pinned the blame on the disciples. After the resurrection, the disciples went from fearful fugitives to bold, aggressive witnesses. Does this validate in any way the truth of the resurrection? Be bold in your witness about the resurrection of Jesus.

Truth: The culprits colluded to deny the resurrection of Jesus. Collusion is an agreement between two or more parties with the intent to deceive, mislead, or defraud others. They began to develop a narrative to fit their own agenda. Today many cover up the truth by saying truth is subjective and can be manipulated.

Response: Truth can often be uncomfortable and hard to deal with. However, our feelings toward the truth don't change the fact that God's truth is objective reality. Trust in the reality of God's truth and Jesus' resurrection. Spread the gospel with grace and truth.

Truth: The cost of the cover-up was immediately financial. The soldiers received a large sum of money to maintain this cover-up. However, the ultimate cost is an eternal soul.

Response: Are you embracing the truth that he is alive? What are some practical ways that your belief in the resurrection is apparent to those who know you?

Truth: The casualties of this cover-up are many. The text tells us that many Jews, even today, have embraced the lie. Many have been deceived by the cover-up.

Response: Ultimately the cover-up points to the fact that people don't want to submit and let Jesus be Lord of their life. Therefore, they build barriers between themselves and God so they won't have guilt over sin. Jesus can remove the barriers and allow you to embrace the truth.

FAMILY RESPONSE

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Truth: People were afraid of Jesus when He lived on earth. They didn't want God to rule their actions, attitudes, and words so they killed Jesus on the cross. People were afraid of Jesus when He resurrected to life on the third day. They didn't want others to know that everything Jesus said was true so they lied about what happened.

Response: We continue to see examples of this response multiplying around us. Some people call it gender choice. Some call it evolution. Some call it tolerance. In the end, they are all saying the same thing, "I don't want God to be God of me." The world around us is trying to build barriers between themselves and God with false truths so that they won't feel conviction or guilt over sin. If they don't feel guilt and conviction over what God says is wrong, then it must not be wrong and God must not be right. Our children may not be ready to hear and understand all the details related to our world's rebellion against biblical truth, but they can hear and understand the motive. People choose to believe something false so that they feel better about rejecting the one true God.

Response: When you see these and other examples in museums, media, books, and the news, call it out to your children and pray for God's eternal truth to be made known.