

February 7, 2021

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“Only A Holy God”**

by Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, Rich Thompson © 2016 CityAlight Music CCLI#801260

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

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

**Come and behold Him The One and the Only**

**Cry out, sing holy Forever a Holy God**

**Come and worship the Holy God**

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

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 a Holy God

■ **“The First Place”**

By Matthew Westerholm © 1999 Matthew Westerholm CCLI#801260

Jesus the perfect picture of the unseen God. Maker, of things we cannot comprehend. Wisdom, the earth displays Your strength and beauty. Sovereign, yes every throne knows You are God.

**Every inch of this universe belongs to You, O Christ. For through You and for You it was made. Your creation endures by the order of Your hand. So You must have in all things the first place.**

Victor, over sin and death You triumphed. Firstborn, You've shown us life beyond the grave. Bridegroom, we long for You in expectation. Jesus, Your church rejoices to proclaim.

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■ **Scripture**

■ **“How Firm a Foundation”** CCLI L #801260

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word What more can He say than to you He hath said To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not I am with thee oh be not dismayed For I am your God and will still give thee aid I'll strengthen thee help thee and cause thee to stand Upheld by My righteous Omnipotent hand

When through the deep waters I call thee to go The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow For I will be with thee thy trouble to bless And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply The flame shall not harm thee I only design Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not, I will not desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake

■ **“Majesty”** .....Hymn 74

by Jack Hayford © 1981 Rocksmith Music CCLI # 801260

Majesty, worship His majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King. Majesty, worship His majesty; Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

■ **Confession / Pastoral Prayer**

■ **“Speak, O Lord”** by Keith & Kristyn Getty © 2005 Thankyou Music CCLI #801260

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To receive the food of Your holy word Take Your truth, plant it deep in us Shape and fashion us in Your likeness That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes For Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience Holy reverence, true humility Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity Cause our faith to rise Cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority Words of power that can never fail Let their truth prevail over un - belief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us Truths un - changed from the dawn of time That will echo down through eternity And by grace we'll stand on Your promises And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glory

■ **Message - “The Authority of Jesus”** John 7:14-24 Scott

■ **Closing Song**

■ **Benediction**

## A Word from Pastor Scott

February 7, 2021

*Jesus answered, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority.*

**John 7:16-17**

As we return to John 7, we find that the controversy surrounding Jesus just continues to heat up. His life and teaching have again clashed with the world around Him. That always seems to happen! Human society apart from Christ can't handle Him because He won't play their games. He won't yield to their pressure. He won't hedge the truth and tell us what we want to hear. No, He always insists on speaking the truth of God we need to hear!

But if there's anything mankind in its arrogance can't stand, it's having to face the truth about who we are. So it comes down to a question of authority! Who does Jesus think He is that we should listen to Him?

And of course, dear friend, that's always the question isn't it? Is Jesus really who He claims to be or is He not? If He is, then nothing could be more important than hearing His word, yielding to it, believing it and obeying it! If Jesus is Who He claims to be, then His word is your one hope of knowing God and living eternally. If not, then none of this really matters and frankly nothing really matters because soon you will die and that will be the end of it. If Christ is not our hope for in this life *and* the life to come, then truly there is no hope

So it matters very much that we understand the authority of Jesus, both in what He says and in what He does. For if He is Who He claims to be (and I'm convinced He is), then we must be ready not only to hear Him eagerly, but also to believe everything He says and be ready to obey all His commands.

My prayer this morning is that you will come with a ready, listening ear and a willing, submissive heart to receive His word for the joy of your soul.

*Christ Alone has power to change our lives. Let's listen to Him!*

**Pastor Scott**

## THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

**SUNDAY - February 7**

Worship

9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

**Women's ZOOM Bible Study begins this week.**

**SATURDAY - Feb 13 - Men's Breakfast at 8 AM**

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....\$4,341.00

January Weekly Average.....\$4,651.40

### Announcements

- God of Creation: Bible study for women beginning Tues. Feb.9th, 6:30pm or Thurs. Feb. 11, 9:00am. Zoom option only. Discover how God orchestrates everything for His glory and the good of His people, and that the God of Covenant is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Study guides \$16 - scholarships available. Contact Tynetta Chastain 314-795-5268
- **Saturday, February 13 at 8 AM** - Men's Breakfast It's a Bring Your Own Breakfast event. Jason Woelm will be speaking! After breakfast there will be a tutorial for Logos Bible Software. Talk to Pastor Scott if you're interested
- **D-Groups** - Wednesday groups will meet on Feb 17, March 3,17,31 and April 14 Studying Obadiah & Malachi There is still room for you. Information sheets on foyer table
- **Sunday, February 28** - Brief Congregational Meeting. The Stewardship Committee will give a brief update on the church budget status at the end of each service on Sunday, February 28. In addition, the church will be asked to vote on the restoration of the 1% cost of living increase our staff voluntarily deferred this past September due to uncertainty over the pandemic. The plan at that time was to revisit this increase when possible. Stewardship is recommending that it be restored retroactively back to the beginning of the budget year this past September.

**This Week's Fighter Verse: Feed Your Soul by Memorizing Scripture!** Each week's '*Fighter Verse*' is meant to help you "fight the good fight" of faith.

**John 7:17**

If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority.

"The Authority of Jesus"  
(John 7:14-24)

- I. The authority of Jesus in His \_\_\_\_\_ vv14-18  
Jesus appears in the temple \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word Mal 3:1  
(1) He rejects their \_\_\_\_\_ of Him vv16-18 ; Jn 12:49-50  
(2) How you approach the word of Jesus determines whether or not you'll \_\_\_\_\_ Him v17  
(3) Pay no attention to "teachers" who \_\_\_\_\_ themselves rather than point you to \_\_\_\_\_ v18
  
- II. The authority of Jesus in His \_\_\_\_\_ vv19-23  
Why are they upset with Him?  
Jesus draws an illustration from their practice of \_\_\_\_\_  
Lv 12:3  
They are missing the redemptive message of the Bible
  
- III The necessity of righteous \_\_\_\_\_ in how we treat others v24  
(1) Stop judging based on \_\_\_\_\_ appearance  
Prov 18:17  
(2) Do judge with righteous judgement  
• A good antidote to misunderstandings of Mt 7:1  
• Jesus alone is qualified to make such judgements Jn 5:22  
Zech 7:9

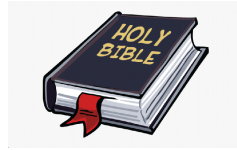
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**Kids' Listening Sheet (2/7/21)**

Message Title: " The Authority of \_\_\_\_\_ "

Bible Passages: John 7: \_\_\_\_\_



Key Words: Circle each word every time you hear it.

Word	Teaching	Lips	Authority
True	Jesus	God	Moses
Sabbath	Law	Baby	Boy
Love	Eyes	Grace	Goal

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.