



Today, we will see that Jesus offers freedom, salvation, and joy. Do we still believe these simple truths? Have they completely transformed how we look at the gospel message?

Call to Worship

[Lamentations 3:22-23](#)

Songs of Praise

The Lion and the Lamb

So Will I (100 Billion X)

Announcements

Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism #21 and #22

21. Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God became man, and so was and continues to be God and man, in two distinct natures and one person for ever.

22. How did Christ, the Son of God, become man?

Christ, the Son of God, became man by taking to himself a body and a soul like ours, being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

Song of Declaration

I Surrender

Sermon - *The Glorious News*

Sermon Scripture - [Acts 16:16-40](#)

Introductions

- Why don't churches make evangelism a primary focus?
 - Loss of vision
 - Focus on internal needs
 - Pastoral care takes precedence over evangelism
 - Church doesn't equip the church
 - Fellowship becomes internal focused
 - Transfer growth is common
 - Too many church activities to have time for outreach
 - No concern for conversion numbers
 - Leaders fail to teach on the lostness of human beings.

Jesus Offers Freedom

- [Matthew 8:29](#)
- [Romans 8:1-2](#)

Jesus Offers Salvation

- [Romans 10:13](#)

Jesus Offers Joy

*Joy defined - not merely worldly, temporal happiness, but rather spiritual, enduring, "complete joy" in the Lord who is sovereign over all things. - **ESV Study Bible***

- [Philippians 1:18-21](#)

Song of Response

Cannons

Benediction