

The Year Of Following Jesus #38: Sermon On The Mount Intro

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Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

—Matthew 11:28-30 (NLT)

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

—Matthew 5:1 -2 (NLT)

This Sermon On The Mount Is...

1. All About The Kingdom.

- *From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."*
—Matthew 4:17 (NIV)
- *Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom.*
—Matthew 4:23 (NLT)

2. All About The Heart.

- *Some of the Pharisees asked Jesus, "When will the kingdom of God come?" Jesus answered, "God's kingdom is coming, but not in a way that you will be able to see with your eyes. People will not say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' because God's kingdom is within you."*

—Luke 17:20-21 (NCV)

- *May your kingdom come and your will be done, here on earth as it is in heaven.*

—Matthew 6:10 (NCV)

- *You have heard the law that says... But I say...*

—Matthew 5:31 (NLT)

- *Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.*

—Matthew 5:17 (NLT)

3. All About Wisdom.

- *Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."*

—Matthew 7:24-27 (NLT)

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i. Resentment.

- *"You have heard that our ancestors were told, 'You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.' But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment!*

—Matthew 6:21-22 (NLT)

ii. Anxiety.

- *"That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday*

life... Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?

—Matthew 6:25-27 (NLT)

iii. **G reed.**

- *Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.*

—Matthew 6:19-21 (NLT)

iv. **S uperiority.**

- “But I warn you—unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven! Matthew 5:20 (NLT)

4. **All About Maturity.**

- *“Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.*

—Matthew 7:12 (NLT)

- *But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.*

—Matthew 5:48 (NLT)

- *But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you.*

—Luke 6:47 (NLT)

- *In a word, what I'm saying is, grow up. You're kingdom subjects. Now live like it. Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you.*

—Matthew 5:48 (MES)

Follow Through Step #38:

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