

The Sermon on the Mount

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In our meeting this month we reflect on the Sermon on the Mount.

SCRIPTURE VERSES

[Matthew 5:1-12](#) compare [Luke 6:20-23](#)

And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

² And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

³ Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

¹² Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

c5 v13-16	Salt and Light	c5 v17-20	The Law
c5 v21-26	Anger	c5 v27-30	Lust
c5 v31-32	Divorce	c5 v33-37	Oaths
c5 v38-42	Retaliation	c5 v43-48	Love your enemies
c6 v1-4	Alms	c6 v5-15	Prayer
c6 v16-18	Fasting	c6 v19-24	Treasure
c6 v25-34	Anxiety	c7 v1-6	Judging Others
c7 v7-11	Ask, Seek, Knock	c7 v12-14	The Golden Rule
c7 v15-20	Tree and it's Fruit	c7 v21-23	I never knew you
c7 v24-27	Build on Rock	c7 v28-29	Authority of Jesus

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DISCUSSION THOUGHTS:

The sermon on the mount covers three chapters in Matthew's gospel; in our meeting today we will look into just a few parts of the sermon.

- Who was Jesus speaking to ?
- Who was His target audience ?
- The first few verses are commonly known as the Beatitudes
 - What does Blessed mean?
 - Is it possible to live up to these standards today ?
 - If so, how ?
- Salt
 - Salt is mentioned many times in the Old Testament, e.g. [2 Chron 13:5](#)
 - What are the attributes of salt ? preservative , flavour enhancer
 - Why did Jesus make this comparison ? [Mark 9:50](#) , [Luke 14:34-35](#) , [Col 4:6](#)
 - What does that mean for us ?
- Divorce
 - This is a current hot political debate with a proposal to make divorce easier by introducing a no-fault option.
 - What are the current legal grounds for divorce in England ?
 - When is a marriage a marriage ?
 - What was Jesus' teaching ?
 - What is our view of these seemingly contradictory views ?
- I never knew you
 - Perhaps this verse gives good reason to “work out your salvation in fear and trembling”
 - Who can this be referring too ? some examples ?