

Be Different, Live Different

The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5:1-2

1. To whom is this sermon addressed?
 - a. To the _____.
 - b. To _____.
 - c. To _____.
2. What were Jesus' objectives?
 - a. To _____ self-righteousness.
 - b. To _____ kingdom righteousness.
 - c. To _____ kingdom people.
3. How do we apply it today?
 - a. For personal _____.
 - b. For evangelistic _____.

For this Week

- The Sermon on the Mount begins at Matthew 5:3 and continues through chapter 7. This week take time to read all of it through in one sitting. Do this again in two or three different translations.
- See if you can identify the places where the sermon changes themes.
- Which topics of Jesus' sermon confuse you most? Which challenge you most?
- How is your life different from the world around you? How have you conformed?

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“Large crowds followed Him from Galilee and Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan.

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Matthew 4:25-5:2

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Matthew 7:28-29

“When Jesus had finished these words, **the crowds** were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.”

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Matthew 23:1

“Then Jesus spoke to the crowds
and to His disciples, saying...”

To whom is this sermon addressed?

To the crowds.

To disciples.

To you.

Jesus' teaching is not for some special class of Christian or for some future Christian community; it is for all who belong to His kingdom.

Colossians 1:13

“For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.”

What were Jesus' objectives?

To uproot self-righteousness.

Matthew 5:20

“For I say to you, that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5:48

“Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

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To instill kingdom righteousness.

Matthew 5:21-22

“You have heard that the ancients were told...But I say to you...”

Matthew 5:27-28

“You have heard that it was said...but I say to you...”

Matthew 5:48

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Ephesians 5:1

“Therefore be imitators of God,
as beloved children.”

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To distinguish kingdom people.

Matthew 5:46-47

"For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-gatherers do the same? If you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?"

Matthew 6:5

"When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites..."

Matthew 6:7

“And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do...”

Matthew 6:16

“Whenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites do...”

How does this apply today?

For personal growth.

“When you give to the poor...”

“When you pray...”

“When you fast...”

“Do not worry...”

“Do not judge...”

**Jesus' instruction serves to
counsel true disciples toward
Christ-like righteousness.**

How does this apply today?

For personal growth.

For evangelistic appeal.

Matthew 5:13

“You are the salt of the earth...”

Matthew 5:14

“You are the light of the world...”

Matthew 5:44

**“But I say to you, love your enemies and
pray for those who persecute you...”**

**Jesus intends that His disciples
advance the gospel in the
world by a radical life shaped
with and by a radical message.**

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***Are you ready to come to
Jesus as His disciple in
order to receive His
instruction for your life?***