



Minutes With Jesus

Straight Talk From The Savior
About The Things That Matter Most

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Introduction: Today, we are beginning our study of Jesus’ most well-known sermon which is often called, “The Sermon on the Mount.” In this revolutionary message, Jesus challenges us to a counterintuitive way of thinking and acting regarding the issues that matter most to us.

I. **One Sermon or Two?** (Matthew 5-7; Luke 6)

II. **The Setting For The Sermon** (Matthew 5:1)

Matthew 4:23-25 ²³ “Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people. ²⁴ The news about Him spread throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, those suffering with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and He healed them. ²⁵ Large crowds followed Him from Galilee and the Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan.”

III. **The Audience For The Sermon** (Matthew 5:1)

Matthew 5:1-2 ¹ “When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. ² He opened His mouth and began to teach them...”

Definition of a disciple: “To be a disciple means for me to live my life as Jesus would live my life if He were I.”



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IV. How Are We To Interpret The Sermon On The Mount?

- A. A List of **Requirements** to Enter Heaven
- B. A Roadmap for Social **Justice**
- C. A Constitution for the **Future** Kingdom
- D. A Guide for Living in **Today's** World

V. Preview Of Coming Attractions In The Sermon On The Mount

- A. **Straight Talk about Your Happiness** (Matthew 5:3-12)

Matthew 5:3-5 ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.”

- B. **Straight Talk about Your Faith** (Matthew 5:13-20)

Matthew 5:13-14 ¹³ “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. ¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;”

- C. **Straight Talk about Your Relationships** (Matthew 5:21-26)

Matthew 5:21-22 ²¹ “You have heard that the ancients were told, ‘YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER’ and ‘Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.’ ²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, ‘You good-for-nothing,’ shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, ‘You fool,’ shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.”



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D. **Straight Talk about Your Sex Life** (Matthew 5:27-32)

Matthew 5:27-29 ²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY;’
²⁸ but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.”

E. **Straight Talk about Your Adversaries** (Matthew 5:38-48)

Matthew 5:43-46 ⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?”

F. **Straight Talk about Your Worship** (Matthew 6:1-4)

Matthew 6:1 “Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.”

G. **Straight Talk about Your Prayer Life** (Matthew 6:5-15)

H. **Straight Talk about Your Money** (Matthew 6:19-34)

Matthew 6:19-21 ¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; ²¹ for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

I. **Straight Talk about Your Needs** (Matthew 7:1-12)

J. **Straight Talk about Your Eternal Destiny** (Matthew 7:13-27)



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VI. The Sermon On The Mount: Why Now?

Matthew 7:24-26 ²⁴ “Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.”

Conclusion