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## Where It All Started: **Prayer**

### **Luke 6:12**

*Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. 13 And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles:*



The gospel of Matthew presents Jesus as the  
**King of the kingdom of Heaven**

What we call **The Sermon on the Mount** was the  
foundational teaching to the lives, character, and  
work of Jesus' disciples – then and now.



Matthew 5:1, *Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. **His disciples came to him***

- This is the first use of the word “disciple” in the gospels.
- A disciple is a **learner**.
- Are you a **learner** or a **knower**?



Matthew 5:2, *And he **began to teach** them.*

KJV, *"He **opened his mount and taught them.**"*

Two ways to understand what Jesus did:

1. Something that was completed in the past (*aorist verb tense*)
2. Something that was repeated, continuous, or habitual action in past time (*imperfect verb tense*)



The Sermon on the Mount is **not one sermon** of Jesus given at one particular time and on one particular occasion.

It is the essence of all that Jesus continuously and habitually taught his disciples.



## Deuteronomy 6:6-8

*And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall **teach them diligently to your children**, and shall **talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up**. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.*



# Jesus Constantly Taught and Trained His Disciples

John 21:24-25

*This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true. 25 **And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.***



**The blessing on your life is the sum of more  
people and things than you can count**





# Study Resources



## Matthew 5:1

*Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them. He said: 3 “**Blessed** are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 **Blessed** are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 **Blessed** are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 **Blessed** are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 **Blessed** are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. 8 **Blessed** are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*



## Matthew 5:9

**Blessed** are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10 **Blessed** are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 **Blessed** are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”



Beatitudes Are More than “**Will Be**”

Beatitudes Are “**What is**”

**Definition:** μακάριος

*makarios*

To speak well of, to invoke blessings upon a person, to cause to prosper, to make happy, to bestow blessings on.



- The Beatitudes are not simple statements
- They are exclamations or proclamations of the believer's reality



“The beatitudes are not pious hopes of what shall be; they are not glowing, but nebulous prophecies of some future bliss; they are congratulations on what is. The blessedness which belongs to the Christian is not a blessedness which is postponed to some future world of glory; it is a blessedness which exists here and now. It is not something into which the Christian will enter; it is something into which he has entered.” (Barclay)



*"Makarios describes that joy which has its secret within itself, that joy which is serene and untouchable, and self-contained, that joy which is completely independent of all the chances and the changes of life. Human happiness is something which is dependent on the chances and the changes of life, something which life may give and which life may also destroy. The Christian blessedness is completely untouchable and unassailable."* (Barclay)



“The beatitudes speak of that joy which seeks us through our pain, that joy which sorrow and loss, and pain and grief, are powerless to touch, that joy which shines through tears, and which nothing in life or death can take away.” (Barclay)



**You are BLESSED by the Best!**