

# THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

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The kingdom of God belongs to them.”

Jesus was sitting on a hill, and a huge crowd had gathered to hear Him talk.

“Blessed are those who are sad. They will be comforted.”

Jesus was making a list, but it wasn’t a kind of list that **ANYONE** had heard before.

“Blessed are those who don’t put themselves first. They will receive the whole world.”

Jesus was listing people who didn’t have much. People who were sad. People who didn’t use their strength to get their own way. People who tried to make peace when other people were fighting, and probably got punched right in the jaw because of it.

Jesus was listing people who **USUALLY** ended up at the back of the line.

“Not anymore,” He said. “In the kingdom of God, you will be the happiest of them all!”

Whoa.



**J**esus was talking about God's kingdom—where God is in control—and it sounded like an **UPSIDE-DOWN** world!

If you've been sad, you'll be happy. If you've been last, you'll be first. If you've tried to make peace, you will be the sons and daughters of the King of Peace. The sons and daughters of God Himself!

The people around Jesus couldn't believe what they were hearing. The least important people in the kingdoms of earth will be the **MOST** important in the kingdom of God?

*Remember how the angels brought the message of Jesus' birth not to kings and rich people, but to shepherds? Remember how Jesus was born not in a palace, but in a barn?*

Yep. God's kingdom is totally different from the kingdoms of earth! But Jesus wasn't finished.

"The law of Moses says to not kill people," He said. "But I say, hating someone in your heart is **JUST** as bad!"

*What? Hating someone is as bad as killing them?*

"The law says people who hurt you should be punished. But I say, if someone hits you on the cheek, let them hit your other cheek too. If someone steals your shirt, give them your coat as well!"

*What? Give my coat to someone who steals my shirt?*

"The law says to love your neighbors. But I say you should love your enemies just as much!"

People got **REALLY** confused.

"This guy is crazy!" they said to each other.

But Jesus wasn't crazy. Jesus was teaching them about a whole new way to live. A forever-kind-of-life lived with God.

You see, the old rules of Moses could only change what you did on the **OUTSIDE**. They couldn't change who you were on the **INSIDE**.





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## FAMILY CONNECTION

MATTHEW 5



## EVERYDAY TRUTH

My friendship with  
Jesus changes me from  
the inside out!

## TALK

What did Jesus come to do according  
to this sermon?

If it's not about rules, what is our  
new life with Jesus about?

Dear  
God...

## PRAY

Dear God, thank You that Jesus made a way  
for us to be Your friends, so we can be changed  
from the inside out! Amen.



didn't come to make you do better things," Jesus said.  
"I came to make you **DIFFERENT** people. I came to make you  
the kind of person that I am."

And that kind of person doesn't need all those rules. That kind  
of person has a new heart. A heart that loves everyone. A heart  
that gives to everyone. A heart that puts other people first, always.  
A heart like Jesus' heart.

"Come to Me, all you who are tired, worn out, and weighed  
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