

A fluffy white lamb stands in a lush green field, looking towards the left. The lamb's wool is thick and soft, and its legs are white. The background is a soft-focus green field.

The Sermon on the Mount

(Matthew 5 to 7)

2 The Light of the World

The Sermon on the Mount is the true measure of a real Christian.

- John Wesley (1703-1791)



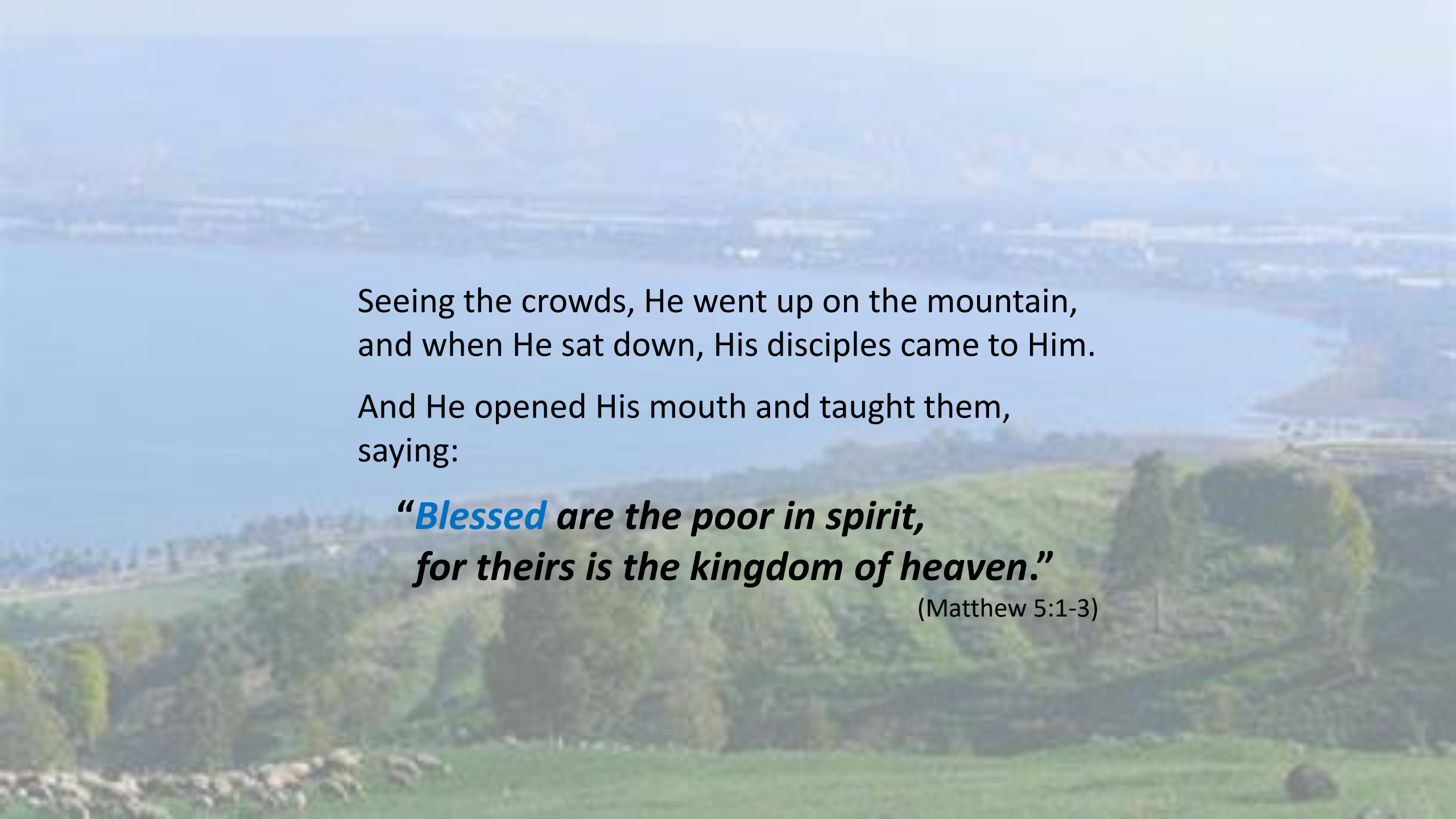
The Sermon on the Mount is a statement of the life we will live when the Holy Spirit is having His way with us.

- Oswald Chambers (1874-1917)

*The Sermon on the Mount is probably the **best-known** part of the teaching of Jesus, though arguably it is the **least understood**, and certainly, it is the **least obeyed**.*

- John R.W. Stott (1921-2011)



A scenic view of a valley with a river and mountains in the background. The foreground shows a green field with a stone wall. The middle ground features a river flowing through a valley. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under a clear sky.

Seeing the crowds, He went up on the mountain,
and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

And He opened His mouth and taught them,
saying:

***“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”***

(Matthew 5:1-3)

The scribes and Pharisees

“They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear,
and lay them on people's shoulders...”

(Matthew 23:4)



“Woe to you lawyers!
For you have taken away the key of knowledge.”

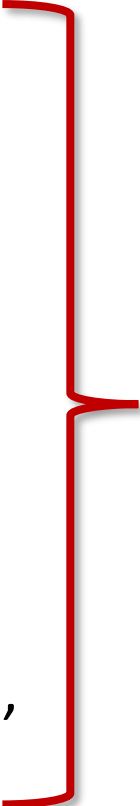
Disciples of Jesus

“Blessed are **the poor in spirit**,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are **those who mourn**,
for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are **the meek**,
for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are **those who hunger and thirst for righteousness**,
for they shall be satisfied.”



Can you
see yourself
here?

(Matthew 5:3-6)

Disciples of Jesus

“Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall receive mercy.”
(Matthew 5:7)

Disciples of Jesus

“Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.”

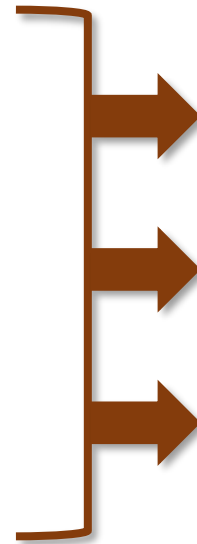
(Matthew 5:8)

Disciples of Jesus

“Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called sons of God.”
(Matthew 5:9)

Disciples of Jesus

- Poor in spirit
- Mourning
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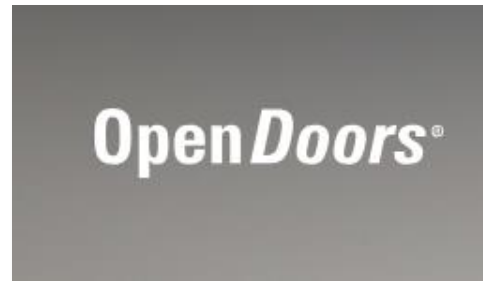
“**Blessed** are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

(Matthew 5:10)

“**Blessed are you** when others revile you and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely **on My account**.”

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,
for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

(Matthew 5:11-12)



Disciples of Jesus

- The poor in spirit
- Those who mourn
- The meek
- Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
- The merciful
- The pure in heart
- The peacemakers
- Those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake

Blessed beyond measure

- **Theirs is the kingdom of heaven**
- They shall be comforted
- They shall inherit the earth
- They shall be satisfied
- They shall receive mercy
- They shall see God
- They shall be called sons of God
- **Theirs is the kingdom of heaven**

But why?

God so **loved** the world,
that He gave His only Son...

(John 3:16)

A meaningful
calling in life

The vocation of the disciples of Jesus

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“You are **the salt of the earth...**”
but if salt has lost its taste,
how shall its saltiness be restored?

“It is no longer good for anything
except to be thrown out and
trampled under people's feet.”

(Matthew 5:13)

Salt was valued...

- As a preservative
- To improve taste
- As an antiseptic



The vocation of the disciples of Jesus

“You are **the salt of the earth**
but if salt has lost its taste,
how shall its saltiness be restored?

See then that you walk carefully,
not as unwise but as wise,
redeeming the time,
because the days are evil.
(Ephesians 5:15-16)

“Have salt in yourselves...”
(Mark 9:50)

Walk in wisdom...
redeeming the time.
Let your speech
always be with grace,
seasoned with salt...
(Colossians 4:5-6)



The vocation of the disciples of Jesus



“You are the light of the world.

A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.”

(Matthew 5:14)



The vocation of the disciples of Jesus

“Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.”

“In the same way, **let your light shine before others**, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

(Matthew 5:15-16)



How can the poor in spirit be the light of the world?



The **fruit of the Spirit** is
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

(Galatians 5:22-23)



Do not be conformed to this world,
but **be transformed**
by the renewal of your mind...

(Romans 12:2)

The vocation of the disciples of Jesus

...blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world...

(Philippians 2:15)

You have heard that it was said...
But I say to you...

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

(Matthew 5:16)

For **we are His workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

(Ephesians 2:10)



*“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*

“You are the light of the world.”