

Matthew Series

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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

Sermon on the Mount:

The Character of Disciples

Matt 5–7; 5:19–20

Matt. 4:23, “And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.”

Various Interpretive Frameworks for the Sermon on the Mount

- 1. The Salvation view**
- 2. The Penitential view**
- 3. The Church view**
- 4. The Kingdom view**
- 5. The Interim view**

In the Sermon, Jesus is teaching His disciples about the kind of righteousness that should characterize the spiritual life of a disciple or follower of Christ, until the Kingdom comes.

- I. The setting: 5:1, 2**
- II. The character and calling of those who inherit the kingdom, 5:3–5:16**
- III. The explanation and description of experiential righteousness which should characterize who will inherit the Kingdom, 5:17–7:12**
 - a. The principle of righteousness and the Law, 5:17–5:48**
 - 1. The confirmation of the Law, 5:17–5:20**
 - 2. The interpretation of the Law, 5:21–5:48**
 - b. The practice of righteous living, 6:1–18**
 - c. The perspectives of righteousness, 6:19–7:12**
- IV. The warnings of the King, 7:13–7:27**

Matt. 23:25, “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence.

Matt. 23:26, “Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also.”

THREE STAGES OF SALVATION

PHASE ONE



Justification
Regeneration

Saved from
Penalty of Sin

“you were
saved”

PHASE TWO

Spiritual
Life
Sanctification

Saved from
Power of Sin

“you are being
saved”

PHASE THREE



Glorification

Saved from
Presence of Sin

“you will be
saved”

Matt. 5:1, “And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.

Matt. 5:2, “Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:”

To Whom is Jesus Speaking? Believing Disciples

- 1. He addresses the disciples, not the listening crowd (5:1–2).**
- 2. Jesus does not address “how to get saved” in the Sermon.**
- 3. Jesus tells them they will be rewarded in heaven (5:12) and they are the salt of the earth and light of the world (5:13–14).**
- 4. Jesus instructs them on prayer, rewards, giving, and fasting; all are spiritual life issues.**
- 5. The audience asks to be taught to pray.**

Matt. 5:19, “Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Matt. 5:20, “For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Mark 8:34, “When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, ‘Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

Mark 8:35, “ ‘For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it.’ ”

Luke 14:26, “If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.”

Luke 14:33, “So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.”

Eph. 2:8, “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

Eph. 2:9, “not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

Titus 3:5, “not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,”

2 Pet. 1:10, “Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;

2 Pet. 1:11, “for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”