

THE BEST TEACHING YOU'LL EVER HEAR

"When Jesus concluded his address, the crowd burst into applause. They had never heard teaching like this."

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

A SERMON SERIES

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

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

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Matthew 5:1-5
NRSV

"The Best Invitation"

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Blessed _____

For They _____

The Set Up: Jesus is demonstrating the Kingdom of God (heavens) by meeting the desperate needs of the people around him. Matthew 4:23-25
The Kingdom of heaven is where what God wants done is _____.
Blessed: fortunate, well-off, to be in a privileged fortunate circumstance.

Context: Jesus went up the mountain; (think _____) 5:1

Jesus _____ down (think _____).

Jesus is talking directly to those who had just received _____ through him.
It is "Show and _____."

Today's Problem: The "*Blesseds*" have not always been a blessing. 5:2-5
Many are taught **wrongly** you must be poor, sad, and shy to be a Christian.
It is not "*if you x, then y.*" It is "*those who are x will be y.*"

🐦 Jesus is not saying you have to be poor, weepy, and persecuted to be blessed.

What Jesus Is Saying: "Blessed are those who our world thought _____!"
"Spiritual zeroes also enjoy heaven's care." – Dallas Willard
God blesses people because of their _____, because God _____, and
sometimes because someone _____ God to. No one earns it.
God's rule is _____ now in circumstances beyond all human hope.

🐦 No human condition excludes blessedness. God may come to any person.
The world says, "Woe to the merciful for they shall be _____ advantage of."
Jesus says, the merciful are under my _____ and mercy. 5:7
Jesus says, even the _____ who drive us crazy are blessed. 5:8
Jesus says, the _____ stuck in the middle of domestic calls are in. 5:9
Jesus says, those attacked for "_____ - telling" and standing for right...5:10

🐦 The Beatitudes are lists of human "*lasts*" who at the touch of Jesus became divine "*firsts*." – The Divine Conspiracy

What to Do? Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus doesn't say, "Try harder to be salt and light."

Jesus says, "You are the _____ of the earth; the _____ of the world."
_____ that Jesus raised ordinary hurting folk with no human qualification
into fellowship with God through their connection with Jesus.

Action Step: Who in your life is a _____?

Talk to Jesus about how together with him, he/we could _____ them.