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La Jolla Christian Fellowship
The Sermon On The Mount: Ep. 1 Thy Kingdom Come
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The Beatitudes // Matthew 5:1-12

⁵ 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**. ⁴Blessed are those who **mourn**, for they will be **comforted**. ⁵Blessed are the **meek**, for they will **inherit** the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who **hunger and thirst for righteousness**, for they will be **filled**. ⁷Blessed are the **merciful**, for they will be shown **mercy**. ⁸Blessed are the **pure in heart**, for they will **see God**. ⁹Blessed are the **peacemakers**, for they will be called **children of God**. ¹⁰Blessed 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. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Advancing Kingdom

Matthew 11:11 *Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet even the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been subjected to violence, and violent people have been raiding it. (taking it by force)*

2 Corinthians 2:14 *But thanks be to God, who **always leads** us as captives in Christ's **triumphal procession** and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere.*

Mosaic and Messianic Implications: Jesus identifies with his Mosaic predecessor but also speaks of a new Messianic age.

SIMILAR BUT DIFFERENT

CROWDS—MOUNTAINS—SAT DOWN—BEGAN TO TEACH

The Upside-Down Kingdom: Jesus offers a contrarian view of worldly ambition and power.

The Blessed Life: Jesus equates blessing with contrition.