



**(SLIDE #1) "GREAT EVENTS OF
THE BIBLE -- THE SERMON ON
THE MOUNT."**

Introduction:

- A. The Teacher: Jesus!
 - 1. "The Word!" Jn. 1:1,14
 - 2. "The Master Teacher!"

- B. The Sermon On The Mount -- It Has Been Called:
 - 1. It has been called "The Constitution Of Christianity!"
 - 2. "The Magna Charta of the Church!"
 - 3. "The Spiritual 'Bill Of Rights!'"
 - 4. "The Greatest Sermon Ever Preached!"

- C. Circumstances Of This Sermon:
 - 1. The audience:
 - a. His disciples. 5:1
 - b. Great multitudes. 4:24; 5:1
 - c. An important understanding:
 - 1. The word "disciple" means a "follower."
 - 2. All of the Apostles were disciples -- the original Twelve, Matthias, and Paul were all Apostles.
 - 3. All disciples were not Apostles -- only the 14 mentioned above were Apostles; however, all were of them were "followers" of Christ.
 - 2. It was near Capernaum at the north end of the Sea of Galilee.
 - 3. Great intrigue and interest were being raised and people were flocking to Jesus.
 - 4. Some claim that this is just a compilation of the teachings of Jesus' ministry; I disagree with that conclusion.
 - a. Why?
 - b. The verses that present the Sermon:
 - 1. 4:25-5:2 "Great multitudes followed Him--from Galilee, and *from* Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan. ¹And seeing

the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. ²Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:"

2. 7:28-8:1 "And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, ²⁹for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ¹When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him."
- c. One question might be, "But would He have addressed all of these ideas in ONE sermon?"
 1. Example: I preach some sermons about Jesus and give an overview of His life. If I had ONE sermon to preach to a group of people on the mission field and had only one opportunity to speak to them or if I could only preach one more sermon before I died, I would preach this sermon: "My Favorite Sermon -- The True Jesus And Implications For Our Lives!"
 2. Yet, in many sermons I talk about specifics about His life -- His Conception, His Birth, His life as a young man, His Baptism, His Teachings, His Death, His Resurrection, His Ascension, His Present Reign; and His Return on the Last Day.
- D. The IMPACT Of His Sermon -- 7:28 "when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching,"
- E. In This Sermon We Will Examine The GREAT EMPHASES Of The "Sermon On The Mount!"

I. (Slide #2) The Path To Discipleship Defined! 5:2-12

- A. "Blessedness" -- Greatness, Condone, Acceptable
- B. Steps On The Path To Discipleship:
 1. "Poor in spirit" -- "feeling utter spiritual destitution!" Only then will a sinner seek a Savior!
 2. "Mourn" -- "agonizing because of that spiritual destitution and hopelessness!"
 3. "Meek" -- "controlling attitudes and reactions!" When one controls his reactions; he will accept Christ's commands without murmur and resistance. This is critical to bring a person to seek a Savior and to be willing to submit to Him!

4. "Hunger and thirst for righteousness" -- having an INTENSE desire for salvation; he LONGS for justification!
5. "Merciful" -- willing to extend empathy to others who are struggling.
6. "Pure in heart" -- living a life of purity; he does not want to soil his heart in any way!
7. "Peacemakers" -- striving to live in peace with others.
8. "Persecuted for righteousness' sake" -- as a disciple of Christ, being loyal to Him, no matter what kind of persecution they receive for serving Him!

C. The BLESSINGS Of The Path To Discipleship:

1. "Poor in spirit" -- "Theirs is the kingdom of heaven." An absolute prerequisite for discipleship is for people to have humbled hearts!
2. "Mourn" -- "they shall be comforted." Those who agonize for their lost condition set themselves on a course to find comfort!
3. "Meek" -- "inherit the earth." They will live a controlled life that brings them to Christ and justification; they will not live a wild, raucous, rebellious life that leads to death.
4. "Hunger and thirst for righteousness" -- "they shall be filled." They will find satisfaction for their spiritual longing! They will find justification in Christ!
5. "Merciful" -- "they shall obtain mercy." God will continue to extend mercy to them.
6. "Pure in heart" -- "they shall see God." God is pleased with them; as His faithful children, they can expect to be with Him eternally!
7. "Peacemakers" -- "they shall be called the sons of God." They are imitating the God of peace; they are just like their Father!
8. "Persecuted for righteousness' sake" -- "theirs is the kingdom of heaven!" "Great is your reward in heaven!" He will provide them an eternal home in Heaven!

II. (Slide #3) The Impact Of True Discipleship In Our Lives! 5:13-17

- A. We Are Going To Be Influential To Those In Our Sphere Of Influence! 5:13-16
 1. The disciples of Jesus understand what the purpose of their life is -- to make a positive impact upon the world!

2. Your life will make a positive impact on others just like salt and light do to enhance people's lives!

B. By Doing This, We Will Glorify Our Father Who Is In Heaven! 5:17

III. (Slide #4) The Disciple Of Christ Understands The Differences In The Law Of Moses And The Law Of Christ! 5:17-47

- A. A Disciple Of Christ Understands That The Law Had Its Purpose -- To Bring Men To Christ, The Justification That He Provides, And The New Covenant; It Would Last Until All That Was Fulfilled! 5:17-20

- B. He Realizes That The Law Of Moses Was To Bring Man To Christ. He Realizes That It Will End At Christ's Death. He Is Eager To Obey Him And His Law Above Everything!

- C. Unfortunately, The Jewish Leaders Of The First Century Did Not Accept That Jesus Was The Messiah And They Had No Respect For His Teaching And Law. They Had Focused Upon External Obedience But Not Control Of Their Hearts! Jesus Addresses That Problem Pointedly In The Next Emphasis Of The Sermon!

IV. (Slide #5) The Disciple of Christ Seeks To Serve Him And His Law From A Sincere And Godly Heart!

- A. He Is Determined To Control His HEART, Not Just His External Actions!
 1. The Law of Moses condemned intentional murder; Jesus calls His disciples to control their anger!
 - a. If they do that and seek peace with those around them, they will never have to worry about murder! 5:21-22
 - b. They seek peaceful relationships with their fellowman BEFORE they approach God in prayer! 5:23-26

 2. The Law of Moses condemned adultery; Jesus calls His disciples to control their lust!
 - a. If they do that, they will never allow their body to be given over to lust and they will never be unfaithful to their mate; thus, they will not have to worry about adultery!
 - b. A disciple of the Lord is to control his body and its members and keep them from being used for sins like adultery or lust! 5:27-32

- B. The Disciple Of Christ Does Not Make Foolish Vows Or Swear That He Is Telling The Truth; He Just Tells The Truth! 5:33-37
 - 1. God's requirements under the Law of Moses about keeping vows:
 - a. Nu. 30:2 "If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by some agreement, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth."
 - b. Dt. 23:21 "When you make a vow to the LORD your God, you shall not delay to pay it; for the LORD your God will surely require it of you, and it would be sin to you."
 - 2. However, if one did not make a vow: "But if you abstain from vowing, it shall not be sin to you." Dt. 23:22
 - 3. The disciple of Christ does not have to swear that he is telling the truth; he just tells the truth in whatever he says!

- C. The Disciple Of Christ Does Not Retaliate Against Mistreatment: 38-47
 - 1. Thus if one mistreats you, the disciple does not seek revenge.
 - 2. He also loves everyone [treats them righteously], even his enemies! He treats everyone righteously!

V. (Slide #6) The Disciple Of Christ Does Religious Acts To Please God; He Is Not Seeking Human Praise! 6:1-18

- A. Charitable Deeds Are Done Without Fanfare! 6:1-4
 - 1. Jews were doing charitable deeds to seek men's praise; that is ALL they received! God did not bless their actions!
 - 2. Disciples of Christ do good deeds because they love their fellowmen and they long for the Father's blessings!

- B. Prayers Are Said In Humility And With A Desire To Reach God's Ear! 6:5-15
 - 1. Hypocritical Jews in the First Century love to pray on the street corners and to hear people talk about HOW GODLY they were!
 - 2. Disciples of Christ seek no fanfare or praise from men. They do not use vain repetitions; they speak to Him from their heart! They understand their complete reliance upon Him and seek only His favor and blessings!

- C. Fasting Is Done Without Seeking To Draw Attention! 6:16-18
 - 1. Jews who fasted loved to look distraught and to get the attention and sympathy of others.

2. Disciples of Christ fast and no one but their Father knows of their burdened hearts and appeals to Him!

VI. (Slide #7) The Disciple Of Christ Trusts The Godhead For The Provisions Of Life! 6:19-34

- A. The Lord's Disciple Does Not Feel A Need To Amass Treasures On Earth; He Serves God And Christ And Is Longing For Heaven! 6:19-24

- B. He Does Not Worry About Daily Provisions; He Knows That God Will Take Care Of Him! 6:25-34
 1. Those who think everything about life rests upon them worry constantly about the future. 6:31,32

 2. The Lord gives His people a powerful promise: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." 6:33

 3. Life presents lots of challenges; we could worry and fret about everything; we could constantly fret about the unknown! However, serving the Lord, we live for today knowing that our Father will provide for tomorrow! 6:34

VII.(Slide #8) The Disciple Of Christ Judges Himself, Not Others! 7:1-5

- A. If Any Human Practices Unjust Judgment Of Others, He Will Receive The Same Treatment From Them! 7:1

- B. Hypocrites Ignore Their Own Faults And Sin But Are Laser-Focused Upon The Sins Of Others!

- C. The Lord's Disciples Are Concerned About Their Own Hearts And About Their Own Relationship With God. Oh How This Should Keep Christians From Being Judgmental And Unfairly Harsh Toward Others!

VIII. (Slide #9) The Disciple Of Christ Realizes That Not Everyone Is A Good Prospect For The Gospel And For The Desire For Justification! 7:6

- A. The Lord's Disciples LOVE Serving Jesus!

- B. They Are EAGER To Have Others Become Disciples Too.

- C. But They Realize That Some Disrespect Christ And Spiritual Things And In That Condition Are Not Worthy Of The Glorious Blessings Of Discipleship!

IX. (Slide #10) The Disciple Of Christ Is Persistent In Prayer! 7:7-11

- A. God Loves To Hear His People's Prayers.

- B. Earthly Fathers Care For The Needs Of Their Children And Treat Them Righteously; HOW MUCH MORE CARE Our Heavenly Father Has For The Lord's Disciples!

X. (Slide #11) The Disciple Of Christ Is Righteous; He Treats Others With Respect And As He Wishes To Be Treated! 7:12

- A. Those Who Put The Focus Upon Themselves Do Not Give Too Much Concern About How They Treat Others.

- B. The Disciple Of Christ Treats Others With The Respect That He Wishes To Receive From Others. How Respectful!

XI. (Slide #12) The Disciple Of Christ Is NOT Just A Hearer Of His Words; He Is An OBEDIENT Hearer Of His Words! 7:13-29

- A. He Is Willing To Submit To Christ And His Commands Even Though It Is Restrictive And Narrow; He Is Not A Part Of Those What Do Whatever They Want And Are On The Broad Way! 7:13,14

- B. He Has Vigilant Awareness About False Teachers And Will Not Let Them Influence Him To Stop Serving The Lord! 7:15-20

- C. He Is Not One Who Just Says "Lord, Lord;" He DOES The Will Of The Father! 7:21-23

- D. He Is Like The Wise Man; He Builds His Spiritual House On Jesus And His Law; He Is Not A Foolish Man Who Builds On The Shifting Sands Of Error That Bring Destruction And Devastation! 7:24-27

Conclusion:

- A. The Impact Of The Sermon: 7:28,29 “And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, ²⁹for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.”

- B. Jesus Provided Instruction For All Of His Disciples Throughout All The Ages; He Provided Instruction For US Tonight!

- C. Be Amazed At Jesus; Be Amazed At His Teachings; Be Eager To Show Your Awe And Respect!

- D. May We Take His Teachings, Follow Them, And Live As Loyal Disciples Of Jesus As Long As We Live! Hear Jesus Words:
 - 1. Jn. 8:31,32 “Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, ‘If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³²And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.’”

 - 2. Jn. 13:35 “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

- D. **(Slide #13)** May We Live Like This -- “Where He Leads Me I Will Follow!”

- E. **(Slide #14)** Question: “How Is Your Discipleship?”