

# Studies in the Life of Christ

## NT Survey Lesson 12--Matthew 5

**Introduction:** The Sermon on the Mount has been called a manifesto of the kingdom. In it the Lord establishes the principles upon which citizens of the kingdom would build their lives. Beginning with the blessings upon those of true kingdom character, the heart of the sermon deals with the drastic contrast that existed between the false interpretations of the Law taught by the Pharisees and the true righteousness required by the Law taught by Jesus. Its message is designed to not only set the standards of holiness for the disciple but also to make us aware of our need for God's forgiveness and help in living this life.

### The beatitudes--Matthew 5:1-12

1. Define each of the characteristics mentioned in the beatitudes.
2. What blessing is attached to each characteristic?

### The disciples relationship to the world--Matthew 5: 13-16

1. What two figures are used to describe the disciples' role in the world? (v. 13-14) What did Jesus command the disciple to do? (v. 16) For what purpose?
2. How did Jesus describe His relationship to the Law and Prophets? (v. 17-19)
3. Who did Jesus say would be great in the kingdom? (v. 19) Least?
4. What warning did Jesus issue about the righteousness of His hearers? (v. 20)

### The contrast between the true requirements of God's law and the pseudo-righteousness of the Pharisees--Mt. 5:21-48

1. What did the Pharisees teach about murder? (v. 21-22) What did Jesus in contrast suggest that the command "you shall not kill" implied?
2. What did Jesus urge His followers to do when they were unreconciled with another? (v. 23-25) How should reconciliation be made? (v. 25)
3. What did the Pharisees teach about adultery? (v. 27-28) Who did Jesus say had committed adultery already in the heart?

4. What course did Jesus urge his followers to take if their eyes or hands made them stumble? (v. 29-30) What did he mean by this?
5. What use did the Pharisees make of Deuteronomy 24? (v. 31) Did this passage allow divorce for every cause?
6. What did Jesus say one would do who divorced his wife for any cause other than fornication? (v. 32) What would the one do who married her that is put away?
7. How does Matthew 23:16-22 help us understand the teaching of the Pharisees about oaths? (v. 33-36)
8. What was the proper course of one in correcting the misuse of oaths? (v. 37)
9. What OT law did the Pharisees appeal to in order to justify personal retaliation? (v. 38) What course did Jesus command? (v. 39-42)
10. How did the Pharisees interpret the command "love your neighbor"? (v. 43) What did Jesus say we ought to do? (v. 44-47)
11. To whom does Jesus appeal as the standard of all our conduct? (v. 48)