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## An Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount

**Matthew 4:15 – 5:2**

### Intro

- The Proclamation of the Messiah (**Matthew 4:12 – ch. 25**)
  
- After being anointed with God's authority, Jesus faced and overcame the temptations of the Evil One (**Matt. 4:1-11; 1 John 3:8b**), thus qualifying Him to proceed with the establishment of the Kingdom of God.
  
- Matthew records five sermons in which Jesus describes the issues of Kingdom life and relationships:
  - The Character of the Kingdom (**ch. 5-7**)
  - The Mission of the Kingdom (**ch. 10**)
  - The Parable of the Kingdom (**ch. 13**)
  - The Church (**ch. 18**)
  - The End Times (**ch. 23-25**)

### Jesus' Royal Authority Overviewed (*v. 12-25*)

- Matthew begins by giving us seven examples of Jesus' authority as the Second Adam (**Gen. 1:26-28**).

- Jesus decides the location of His “headquarters” (v. 12-16), fulfilling **Isaiah 9:1-2**.
- With this prophecy, Matthew shows that in Jesus, God is fulfilling His creative purpose that all the nations will be included in His Kingdom (**Gen. 12:2; 17:4; Ex. 19:6**).

- Jesus expressed His authority in commanding people to *repent* (v. 17).

*Acts 17:30* The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent...

- Jesus expressed His authority in calling His disciples (v. 18-22).

*1 Cor 1:9* God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

- “Follow Me” -> “Immediately they left and followed Him.”

*Rom 8:30* ...those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified

*John 18:9* ...those whom You gave Me I have lost not one...

- Jesus expressed His authority in teaching God’s Word (v. 23a).

*Isa 55:11* so shall My Word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it

- Jesus’ authority over diseases (v. 23b-24a).

- Jesus' authority over demons (**v. 24b**).
- The effect of Jesus' authority (**v. 25**).
- These verses echo Jesus' mission as stated in **Luke 4:18** and prophesied in **Isaiah 61:1**.

*Is. 61:1 The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners...*

### **An Overview of the Sermon on the Mount** (ch. 5-7)

- In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus explains the character of those who are members of the Kingdom of God.
  - The character and influence of the Kingdom's citizens (**5:1-16**)
  - The precepts of the Kingdom (**5:17-48**)
  - The attitudes and deeds of Kingdom citizens (**6:1-7:12**)
  - The entrance into the Kingdom (**7:13-29**)

*v. 1 Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, 2 ...He opened his mouth and taught them, saying...*

- This scene recalls Moses' ascending the mountain to receive the Law of the Old Covenant from God (**Ex. 19:3**).

- Matthew presents Jesus as the *new Moses* who has come to deliver the commands of the New Covenant of the Kingdom of God. As God's new Moses, Jesus explains the meaning of the Ten Commandments.

*Col 2:17 ...the substance belongs to Christ...*

- In essence, Jesus is giving this sermon as an exposition of Himself, of what the life of a believer in Him is to image.
- Jesus' brackets the sermon with reference to *the Law and the Prophets (5:17-20; 7:12)*.

*Luke 24:44 ...everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets...*