

Matthew – “Why Jesus?”

The Sermon on the Mount

“The Beatitudes”

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Remember how Matthew has flowed so far:

- *THE Genesis – the Originator allows Himself to be Originated*
 - *Who brings hostility*
 - *Who has so much authority Joseph was unable to even name Him*
 - *And yet steps into our place – substitutes His life for ours*
 - *And steps into chaos and gets pounded*
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What happens in the end of chapter 4:

- *Jesus begins His ministry – moves to Capernaum (triangle)*
 - *Begins preaching, calling His disciples*
 - *Teaching & healing and great crowds start gathering*
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Dostoyevsky – Brothers Karamazov

“Jesus judged humanity too highly for it was created weaker & lower than Messiah thought”

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Matt. 5:48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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Matt. 7:21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.”

Matt. 7:24 “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”

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a) Recapitulate = He steps OUT OF the OT Story which was a type of Him

b) Substitute = He steps INTO our pain & our place

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Remember He stepped OUT OF the OT
(recapitulate) & INTO our pain (substitute)

For us to STEP OUT in His call, we must first
STEP INTO His Kingdom

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Matthew 5:1-3: Where do we start?

a) *Poor in spirit - Starts HERE*

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Matthew 5:4: What does that lead to?

a) *Poor in spirit - Starts HERE*

b) *Those who mourn*

Is. 6:5 And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

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Matthew 5:5: What does this spirit create?

a) *Poor in spirit - Starts HERE*

b) *Those who mourn*

c) *Meek = Submissive, easily imposed upon, completely dependent*

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Matthew 5:6: When we do this what happens?

- a) *Poor in spirit - Starts HERE*
 - b) *Those who mourn*
 - c) *Meek*
 - d) *Hunger & thirst for righteousness*
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Matthew 5:7: What else happens?

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 - b) *Those who mourn*
 - c) *Meek*
 - d) *Hunger & thirst for righteousness*
 - e) *Merciful = empathetic tenderness*
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 - g) *Become peacemakers = fighting for the rights of others*
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Matthew 5:1-9: It is only thru HIS empowerment we can do this

- a) We break = and He brings us into His Kingdom
- b) We mourn over what we are like = He comforts us
- c) We are meek & submit to His will = And His Kingdom come to earth is poured out to us
- d) We then long for Him to make things right = and HE feeds us
- e) We feel/give mercy = and He gives it right back to us
- f) We live purely not before men but before God = and as a result we experience the Presence of God
- g) We fight for other's rights = And He calls us HIS

And this is ALL because Jesus did for US FIRST

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Matthew 5:1-9: Pastor Tim Keller

- Why can we be rich? Because He became poor
 - Why can we be comforted? Because He mourned
 - Why are you and I inheriting the earth? Because He was stripped of everything
 - Why can you and I be filled? Because on the cross He said I am thirsty
 - Why will you and I see God? Because He was pure (single minded)
 - Why do we have peace? Because everyone turned against Him
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