

31To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."



Jesus' Four Important Admonitions:

- 1. Repent
- 2. The kingdom of heaven/God is at hand
- 3. Come follow me



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²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. ²⁴ News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. ²⁴ Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him. Matthew 4:23-25

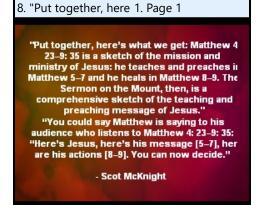
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35Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.



1Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.



"Put together, here's what we get: Matthew 4: 23–9: 35 is a sketch of the mission and ministry of Jesus: he teaches and preaches in Matthew 5–7 and he heals in Matthew 8–9. The Sermon on the Mount, then, is a

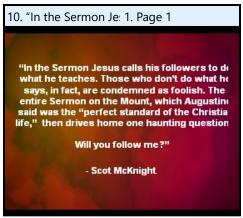
Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great

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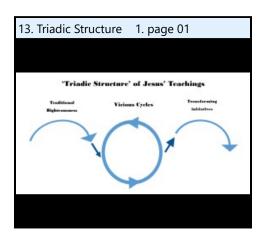
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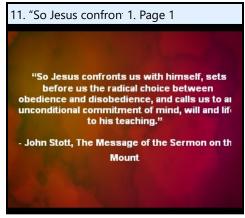
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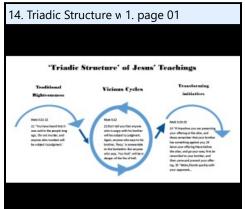


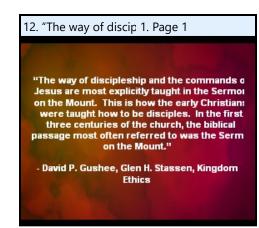
"In the Sermon Jesus calls his followers to do what he teaches. Those who don't do what he says, in fact, are condemned as foolish. The entire Sermon on the Mount, which Augustine said was the "perfect



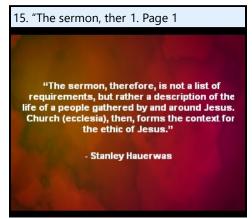


"So Jesus confronts us with himself, sets before us the radical choice between obedience and disobedience, and calls us to an unconditional commitment of mind, will and life to his teaching."

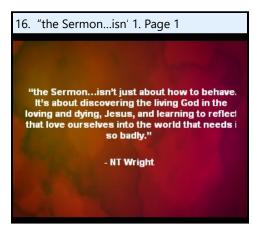




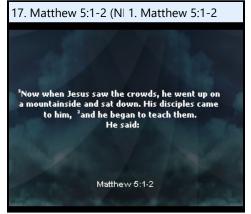
"The way of discipleship and the commands of Jesus are most explicitly taught in the Sermon on the Mount. This is how the early Christians were taught how to be disciples. In the first three centuries of the



"The sermon, therefore, is not a list of requirements, but rather a description of the life of a people gathered by and around Jesus." Church (ecclesia), then, forms the context for the ethic of Jesus."

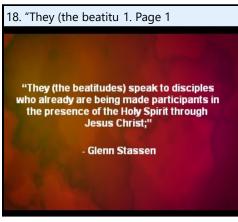


"the Sermon...isn't just about how to behave. It's about discovering the living God in the loving and dying, Jesus, and learning to reflect that love ourselves into the world that needs it so badly."

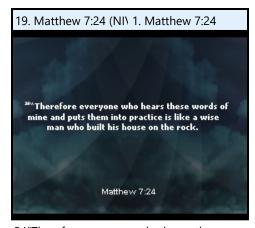


1Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2and he began to teach them.

He said:



"They (the beatitudes) speak to disciples who already are being made participants in the presence of the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ;"



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