

Sermons of Jesus

Holiday Park church of Christ
Adult Bible Class - Winter 2010

Primary Reference Texts:

Matt 5:1-7:29

Luke 6:20-49



Outline

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“Audience” of Sermon?



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- As Jesus spoke to the Crowds of His day

Date: *Around 27-31 AD*

Location: *Galilee (1:18; 23)*

Audience: *Followers, sick, large crowd for across region (4:24-25)*

Purpose: *Preach the Good News (4:23);*

Kingdom at hand (4:17)

Fulfill the Law and Prophecy;

Correct teaching of the day





















THE LATE FOURTH CENTURY A.D
"WHITE SYNAGOGUE"
BUILT UPON THE REMAINS OF THE
"SYNAGOGUE OF JESUS"











“Audience” of Sermon?

- As Matthew wrote for audience of their day

Date: *Around 80 AD*

Place: *Palestine or Syrian Antioch*

Audience: *Greek speaking Jews*
(OT fulfillment focus, Abraham, customs and terms)

Purpose: *Prove Jesus is the Messiah*
(OT fulfillment — 1:22-23; 2:15,17-8,23; 4:14-16; 8:17; 12:17-21; 13:35; 27:9-10)



“Audience” of Sermon?

- As Luke wrote for audience of their day

Date: *Around 59-63 or 70s-80s AD*

Place: *Rome or Achaia, Ephesus & Caesarea*

Audience: *Theophilus (1:3)*
(one of high position - publisher)

Purpose: *Draw up an orderly account (1:3)*
Strengthen the faith (know with certainty) of believers (1:4)
Message to the Gentiles



“Audience” of Sermon?

- As the Spirit wrote for audience of today

Date: *Around 59-80 AD*

Place: *Israel*

Audience: *All Seekers*

- Holiday Park church

Purpose: *Renew our faith by going back to the basic message of good news as taught by Jesus*



“Audience” of Sermon?

- As Jesus spoke to the Crowds of His day
- As Matthew/Luke wrote for audience of their day
- As the Spirit wrote for audience of today



Source/s of Sermon?

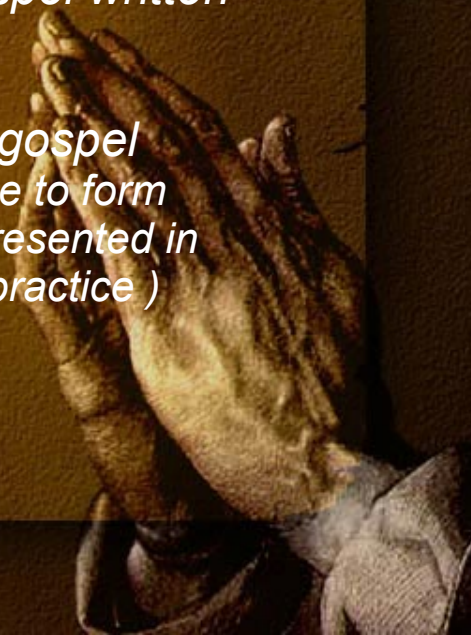
- How did Matthew know the details of the story 50+ years later?

1: *It come word-for-word from Jesus*

2: *Sermon already existed in part of whole BEFORE gospel written (Two-Source Hypothesis - "Q" and Mark)*

3: *Matthew composed the sermon as he wrote the gospel (Gaulder suggests he created the beatitudes in rabbinic style to form the "kelal" summary header for sermon, then the sermon is presented in reverse order by means of triple illustration – also rabbinic practice)*

4: *Some combination of the above*



“Audience” Characteristics

His day

Their day

Today









Be...Different

Matt 5:11-16

- What do you see as the Themes?
- How do you think the 3 audiences would understand/react to this message?
 - What makes them Salt & Light?
- Why salt? Why Light?
- How could they lose their saltiness?
Hide our light?



Be...Different

Matt 5:11-16

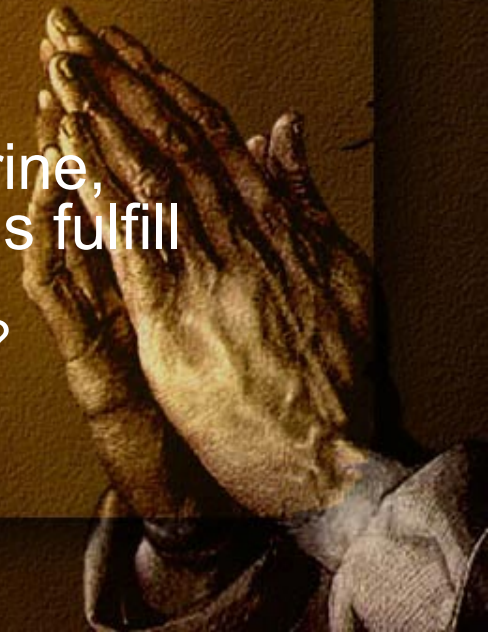
- What is the result of good deeds?
- What is the impact on your life?
- What is the implication on evangelism?
- What is the impact on persecution?



Be...Righteous

Matt 5:17-20

- What do you see as the Themes?
- How do you think the 3 audiences would understand/react to this message?
 - Do you think Jesus would give a message they can not understand...at that moment?
- Why would/do some think Jesus came to abolish the Law?
- The Law and Prophets (OT) consists of doctrine, prophecy & ethical precepts... How did Jesus fulfill these?
 - How does Romans 10:1-13 relate to this teaching?



Be...Righteous

Matt 5:17-20

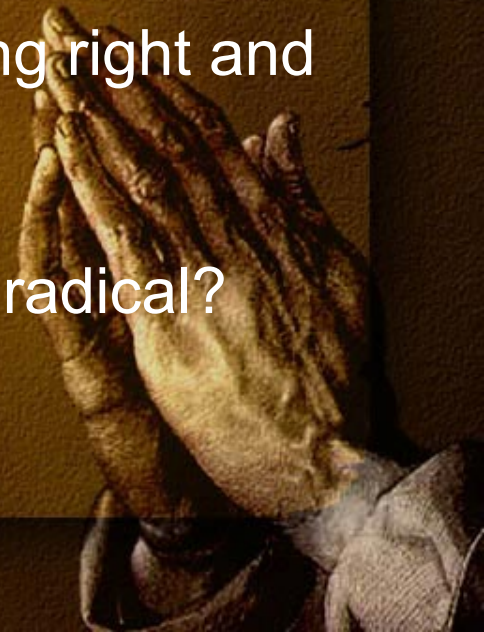
- “...unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and Teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of God.”
 - What does this mean? How can it be harmonized with statement about “poor in spirit”?
 - Spiritual bankruptcy vs. spiritual arrogance
- What is your reaction to this statement?
 - “...as you grow in true spiritual power and understanding you will actually find many outer rules and regulations will be come necessary...when you are no longer spiritually a minor, you will cease to need some of the outer observances that formally seemed indispensable”
 - Emmet Fox – The Sermon on the Mount 1938 p52
- What is the impact on your life?



Be...Reconciled

Matt 5:21-26

- What do you see as the Themes?
- How do you think the 3 audiences would understand/react to this message?
 - Scribes and Pharisees calculated that the Law contained 248 commands and 365 prohibitions.... Did Jesus just add to this list??
- What standard does Jesus use for determining right and wrong?
- How did this teaching suggest that He was a radical?
 - “... but I say...”?



Be...Reconciled

Matt 5:21-26

- “You have heard...” vs. “But I tell you...”
 - Murder = judgment vs. anger = judgment
 - “Raca” (empty/idiot) = court vs. “You Fool” = hell fire
 - See Matt 23:17
- What is Jesus teaching about relationships?
 - Why does God care?
 - What are the practical teachings?
- “Blessed are the peace makers....”
- What is the impact on your life?



Be...Faithful

Matt 5:27-37

- What do you see as the Themes?
- How do you think the 3 audiences would understand/react to this message?
 - Adultery; Divorce; Oaths
- How are our thoughts and feelings related to our behavior? Is a wrong thoughts just as destructive as a wrong deed? What is sin?
- “The only way to understand the doctrine of salvation is to start with the doctrine of sin... the doctrine of regeneration (born again) is meaningless unless you understand the doctrine of sin... there is no true evangelism without an understanding of sin... in the same way the doctrine of sin is vital to the true conception of holiness... and above all, this doctrine of sin leads us to see the absolute need of a power greater than ourselves.... Enables us to realize the greatest of God’s love to us”

D. M. Lloyd-Jones Studies in the Sermon on the Mount 1960 p 205-208

Be... Faithful

Matt 5:27-37

- “Sins are nothing but a symptom of a disease called SIN and it is not the symptoms that matter but the disease, for it is the disease that kill not the symptoms...”
D. M. Lloyd-Jones
 - The fact that you did not commit the act does not mean you are guiltless... what about your heart, is there disease there?
- How does Jesus teaching illustrate
 - the seriousness of sin?
 - the importance of the soul?
 - the need for purity (purification) in our lives?
 - the importance of honoring our commitments?
 - the simple importance of our word?
- “Blessed are the pure in heart....”
- What is the impact on your life?



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Be...Perfect

Matt 5:38-48

- What do you see as the Themes?
- How do you think the 3 audiences would understand/react to this message?
 - Exodus 21:24; Do not resist an evil person;
 - Love your enemies; Be Perfect
- Eye for an Eye; Tooth for Tooth – from law courts to personal relationships? What were the consequences?
- What is the role of “self” in these passages?
 - Turn the other cheek – retaliation/revenge (John 18:22-23)
 - Sue you to take your tunic – insisting on my rights (Matt 18:15-17; Acts 16:37)
 - Personal insult vs. honor and justice
 - Go with him a second – resentment to government/control (1 Peter 2)
 - Do not turn away the borrower – win/lose (1 John 3:17-18)
- What is the impact of the statement: “Be perfect – as your heavenly father is perfect?”
 - To be God’s man

Be...Perfect

Matt 5:38-48

- “There was a day when I died, died to myself and my opinions, preferences, tastes and will died to the world, its approval or censure; died to the approval or blame of even my brethren and friends; and since then I have studied only to show myself approved unto God”

George Muller

- Call to be unique
 - Doing more than others
 - Can do things no one else can
 - That you may be sons of your Father in Heaven
 - Be perfect
 - morality; sin; attitude toward themselves; attitude towards others; attitude toward God; motivation; injury/injustice; in death
 - Implications of Phil 2...
- He speaks with authority.... Why?



Be...Humble

Matt 6:1-18

- What do you see as the Themes?
- How do you think the 3 audiences would understand/react to this message?
 - Acts of Righteousness?
 - Hypocrites?
- The principle of religious life.... 6:1
 - Applications in Giving, Prayer, Fasting
- Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness before men (6:1)
....vs.....Let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good deeds?
- Ultimate choice between pleasing self and pleasing God
 - The supreme matter in life ... to realize our relationship with God



Be...Humble

Matt 6:1-18

- Psalm 139
- Value in reward? Live for reward?
- He speaks with authority.... Why?



Be...Humble (Giving) Matt 6:1-4

- What do you see as the Themes?
- How do you think the 3 audiences would understand/react to this message?
 - Acts of Righteousness?
 - Give to the needy? Who is the needy?
- The principle of giving
 - Psalms 41:1-2; 112:5
 - Proverbs 19:17
 - 2 Cor 8:1-5; 9:5-15
 - Luke 6:38
 - Matt 25:34-40
 - Mark 12:41-44



Be...Humble (Prayer) Matt 6:1-4

- What do you see as the Themes?
- How do you think the 3 audiences would understand/react to this message?
 - In secret?
 - Few words? Knows before you ask?
- The practice of prayer
 - Matt 6:9-14 – this ten is how you should pray...
 - Repetition?
 - Framework for all prayer ; Spirit leading
 - Our Father – universal? John 17:9; 'Abba'; In Heaven...
 - Holy and just
 - Adoration - forgiveness
 - Conditional forgiveness? Law vs. grace?
 - Luke 11:2-4 – teach us to pray...
 - Luke 11:5-13 – repetition...
 - Job 4:1-14 – place before God
 - Daniel 9:1-19 – Phil 4:6



Be...Humble (Fasting) Matt 6:1-4

- What do you see as the Themes?
- How do you think the 3 audiences would understand/react to this message?
 - Others (alms)' God (prayer); myself (fasting)?
 - Expectation?
 - Personal Discipline?
- The practice of Fasting
 - Abstinence from food – for spiritual purpose
 - Prayer, meditation, seeking God for some particular reason or circumstance
 - Matt 5:6 – hunger and thirst for righteousness...
 - Matt 17:20-21 – but by prayer and fasting
 - Luke 5:34-35 – bridegroom taken away... in those days
 - Luke 4:21 – 40 days
 - Job 23:12 - treasured His words more...
 - Ecc 4:12 – Threefold cord



Be...Assured

Matt 6:19-34

- What do you see as the Themes?
- How do you think the 3 audiences would understand/react to this message?
 - Relationship to the 'world' - on earth
 - "treasures"
- What treasures on earth is he talking about?
 - Should we have personal property? Savings? Insurance?
 - Aspire to good jobs? Respect of others? Role in the church? Etc.?
- What treasures in heaven is he talking about?
 - Eternal destiny
 - 1 Tim 6:17-19
 - Matt 25; Rich Young Ruler
- How do we practice this?
 - We are but pilgrims; children going to our father – placed here for His purpose
 - 1 Cor 3



Be...Assured

Matt 6:19-34

- Your Eye?
 - Good, single – full of light
 - Bad, double – full of darkness
 - Focus – how much of our thought is based on earthly treasures?
 - Luke 21:34-36
 - Wisdom of the world = foolishness of God
- Two Masters....
 - Spiritual vs. worldly
 - what controls your life? Daily choices... define your relationship to God
 - 2 Kings 17:24-41 – the Assyrians – “feared the Lord but served their graven images”
 - “Lord, Lord, did we not.....I never knew you”
 - - The Lord’s calf.... Examine ourselves



Be...Assured

Matt 6:19-34

- Therefore, Be not Anxious?
 - Encouragement following discussion on 2 masters?
 - “Take no thought”? Repeats 3 times
 - Phil 4:6-7
 - “Is not life more important than...” – who are you serving?
 - Not how it will be done.. Just it will be done... God is giver of life
 - Romans 8:32
 - “little faith”? Eternal life view
- Seeker....
 - “FIRST”
 - His Kingdom
 - His Righteousness
 - Psalm 8



Be...Aware

Matt 7:1-6

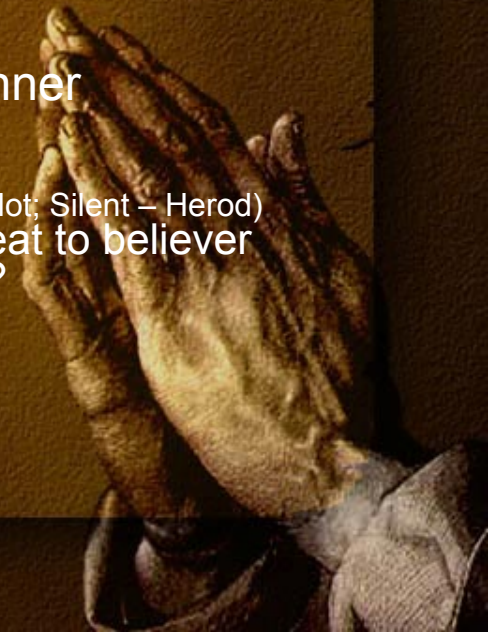
- What do you see as the Themes?
- How do you think the 3 audiences would understand/react to this message?
 - Judge Not...
 - Call for tolerance? - behavior?, doctrine?
 - Dogs v6; False Prophets v15
- Assessment vs. condemning
 - Luke 18:9-14
 - Self-righteous spirit – feeling superior – “spirit of a Pharisee”
 - Hyper-critical – content and intent (constructive – vs. destructive)
 - 1 Cor 13 vs. delights in finding faults and blemishes
- Within the body...
 - Romans 14:1-23
- Why not judge?
 - “Let ye be judged...” will be paid back with own coin (criticism)
 - Judged by God part of the fear of the Lord....
 - 2 Cor 11:27-32



Be...Aware

Matt 7:1-6

- Why not judge?
 - Setting our own standard for judgment
 - Judged based on my claim/belief (i.e. great knowledge)
 - Beam on our own eye...
 - We are incapable of judgment – without bias/motive
 - Impaired vision – to 'help' others
 - Motive – judging spirit as the beam?
- Do not give dogs what is sacred....
 - Is this not judging?
 - Balance? Discrimination vs. condemnation
 - Dog = wild scavenger; Swine = unclean
 - Unbeliever?
 - Look at His practice – proud Pharisee vs. publican or sinner
 - Never varied the truth – His presentation
 - Paul – Acts 13:46
 - Discernment by the Spirit - learn to give to each (answer – Pilot; Silent – Herod)
 - Teach – sin and salvation (only) to non-believer; milk to meat to believer
 - Are there some with whom the gospel should not be shared?



Be...a Seeker

Matt 7:7-11

- How do you think the 3 audiences would understand/react to righteous challenges of this sermon (as a whole)?
- Read Scripture Matt 7:7-11
- What do you see as the Themes?
- How do you think the 3 audiences would understand/react to this message?
 - Promise...
 - Anything I ask God will give??
 - What is the role of 'context' in truly understanding this scripture?
 - In light of this sermon – for what would you ask? What would you seek?
- Divine pattern.... understanding
 - *Of Truth (His nature) – what it demands*
 - *Of Sin (my state) – what it results in*
 - *Of Salvation (His action) – what can be done*
 - *Of Faith (my response) – what I do*
- What are the implications of v.7-11 in your life?
 - Everything is available
 - Respond in faith... ask, knock
 - 2 Peter 1:3-11 – Memorize it!!

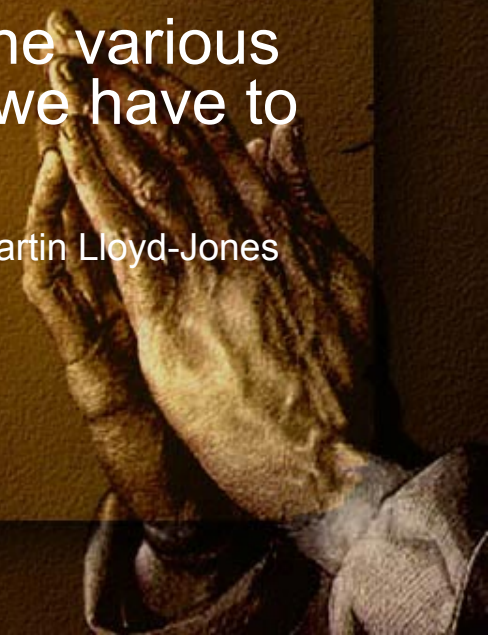


Be...a Seeker

Matt 7:7-11

- Re-read – Matt 6:25-34
 - How does 7:7-11 relate to 6:25-34
- ‘Golden Rule’
 - “So”
 - What is the principle taught?
 - Easy method for application...
 - How does it sum up the Law and Prophets?
- “...what really matters in life is not so much the various things that come to meet us, and with which we have to deal, as our readiness to meet them.”

D. Martin Lloyd-Jones



Be...Wise

Matt 7:12-28

- What do you see as the Themes?
- How do you think the 3 audiences would understand/react to this message?
 - Gates; fruit; builder...
 - Everyone who says to “me”...
 - Call to action...
- Narrow – straight gate
 - Called to the exceptional
 - Few find it??
- False Profits
 - Wolves
 - By there fruit...
 - I never new you... evil doers
- Builders
 - What is distinguishing factor - Wise vs. foolish
 - The rain?
 - Impact of applying His words
- How do you think the 3 audiences would understand/react to this ENTIRE message?
 - V.28-29





How do you react to this message? How will it change your life?

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