

Sermon on the Mount “View from above... Summary”

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THE POPULARITY OF JESUS HAS GONE VIRAL! News has spread fast. Hope for the hopeless, cures for the incurable... oh they were coming... chapter 4 of Matthew ends with verse 25... *Great multitudes followed Him— from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan. from 100s of miles away*

SERMON ON THE MOUNT SERMON OF ALL SERMONS.

For the Christian believer, it is simply the **greatest sermon** ever preached. **why is this** Bottom line... **IT CAME FROM THE LIPS OF GOD!**

This sermon is the **Litmus test** for every believer... are you **truly** a follower of Christ? If you are it will be revealed by the **AUTHENTICITY** of your life. *This great message tells us how we will live when Jesus is our Lord.*

Jesus begins with the Beatitudes... **AKA** known as “**Beautiful Attitudes**” “*Character of the Kingdom*” “*Manifesto of the Kingdom*”

approved. Blessedness indicates the **smile of God** or, as Max Lucado has so beautifully put it, **THE APPLAUSE OF HEAVEN.**

³ “*Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. APPROVED OF GOD* are the poor in spirit, approved of God are those who acknowledge their **spiritual bankruptcy** The **poor in spirit** recognize that they have **no spiritual "assets."** **In fact,** *the more spiritually mature we become,* the more profound will be our sense of poverty. Blessed are the **desperately dependent.**

Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling!

What an irony, **spiritual beggars** end up **ROYAL HEIRS**

⁴ *Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. Mourn you're your sin...* **Intense mourning... perpetual mourning... its a good**

mourning **WHAT A STUPENDOUS PARADOX!** Jesus stands truth on its head to get our attention, and he says, "Would you be comforted? Then mourn. Would you be happy? Then weep." This is **"WHERE THE HEALING BEGINS"**

⁵ **Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.** MEEKNESS. **NOT** weakness, **NOT** indecisiveness, **NOT** Zero confidence, **NOT** shy or withdrawn... **NOT** just being a "nice" person. Synonym Gentleness. **The main idea behind the word "meek" was strength under control, like a strong stallion that was trained to do the job instead of running wild. TENDER STEAL... Lion and Lamb! Meek people have a gentleness about them because they trust God.**

⁶ **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.** **COMPLETE SATISFACTION** the world only offers us empty cups... The tragedy of our time is that the world is starving and thirsting after sex and wealth, violence and excitement. The church's tragedy is that many in her are seeking the same thing – and their diets are making them as empty and pathetic as the world.

⁷ **Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. Showing mercy is evidence that we have received mercy.** I need mercy. Apart from God's mercy heaven is out of my reach. And that's why I need to be "merciful". Can I deny you my forgiveness, when God forgives me so freely? Jesus says **THE MORE MERCY I SHOW, the more mercy I'll know.**

⁸ **Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.** The *visio Dei*, the vision of God. **As our hearts become purer**, the more the Word lives, the more creation speaks and the more we see Him in our sufferings. As our hearts become purer we see Him everywhere... our children, our spouses, all around.

⁹ **Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. To be ambassadors or reconciliation bringing peace between fallen man and a Holy God**

¹⁰ Blessed "approved of God" are you when you are "Harassed for righteous living"
¹¹ "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. ¹² Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Persecution... Maybe you thought if a you were blessed (approved of God) by being **desperately dependent**, ***if you mourned over your sin, if you walked in meekness, if you hungered and thirsted after righteousness if you had a pure heart, AND SHOWED MERCY***—you would be **praised and popular. well you are with god but not with man**

Words of a Pastor who was martyred in Africa. "I am part of the fellowship of the unashamed! I have the Holy Spirit's power! The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made-I'm a disciple of His! I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, and my future is secure. I'm finished with low living, sight walking, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, worldly talking, cheap giving, and dwarfed goals. I no longer need preeminence, position, promotions ,plaudits, or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded. I now live by faith, depend on His presence, walk by patience, am uplifted by prayer, and labor with power. I am a disciple of Jesus!

We need to be busy about His business. I work with Christians, I listen to Christian music, go to Bible studies and hang out with Christian friends and yet I know I am called to be **salt and light**. Jesus prayed that I would not be of this world but we still live in it. **It is possible to go WOMB TO TOMB in a hermetically sealed container decorated with fish stickers.** It is possible to **abandon our culture** to the devil. We can't do it Church... we need to be **salt and light. salt and light** must penetrate to be effective!

The more you soak up the "SON" the brighter your light will become!

Jesus believes that **salty believers** have a **healing, PRESERVING INFLUENCE** on our own society and world. He believes that we can bring **flavor to life** – that we can make the **world thirsty** for him.

GET OUT OF THE SALTSHAKER AND INTO THE WORLD – rubbed into the rotting wounds of the world. And He wants us to remember that though we are not much, **a little salt goes a long way!**

Jesus **never challenges** us to **become salt or light**. He simply says that **we are!**

Jesus exposes the essence of the scribes' heresy. To them, the law was really only a matter of **EXTERNAL PERFORMANCE**, never the heart. Jesus says what is in your heart matters... and what matters to God matters and "*matters of the heart*"... **MATTER!**

Guard your hearts for murder and adultery occur there!

DON'T BE PROUD you haven't done the **deed**, when the **seed** is in your heart. So you've never pulled the trigger – powder burns and medal filings aren't on your hands - but your anger has blown up at your wife and kids.

"Promiscuity begins in the head, long before it ends in the bed."

CHARACTER IS FORGED IN THE SMALL MOMENTS OF LIFE AND REVEALED IN THE BIG ONES. JOSEPH HAD A GUARDED HEART... like Daniel he purposed not to defile himself

Joseph was careful to never be alone with his temptation.

"HE NEVER LET HIS HAND GET NEAR THE COOKIE JAR"

Men, LISTEN CAREFULLY! Mrs. Potiphar is calling for you to "lie with her" She calls to you from the **computer screen**, she screams to you from the **T.V.** She calls from the **beaches**, the **sports events**... **"SHE HAS DESTRUCTION IN HER EYES. SHE WILL NEVER GIVE UP UNTIL SHE HAS RUINED YOU!"**

MARRIAGE is notable in our society by its failure. **There is a life principle based upon Scripture that marriage is harder to maintain than it is to obtain.**

No doubt, marriage is not for the faint of heart. **50% OF FIRST MARRIAGES FAIL. 67% OF SECOND AND 74% OF THIRD.**

REMEMBER 15,000 couples who rated their marriage **very bad** yet stayed together; 86% after 5 years rated their marriage **VERY GOOD!**

STRAWS SUCK IT UP AND HANG IN THERE!

REMEMBER SATAN IS YOUR ENEMY!!! NOT YOUR MATE.

Satan has had his crosshairs on Marriage for quite some time now... the most glorious of all God created institutions... the example of Christ and His love for the church... The story of redemption and salvation...

All of Heaven is on the side of your marriage... and all of Hell is rooting against you.

COVENANT MARRIAGE!!! YOU promised to give companionship not to get it. Cut animal in half... not a 50/50 deal but 100/100... we need Jesus don't we!

Remember your marriage is more meant to make you holy than happy. Remove... permanently from your thought processes divorce... **burn the ships**

Oaths... [Proverbs 12:22](#) **Lying** lips are an abomination to the LORD, But those who deal truthfully are His delight.

Just let your yes be yes and your no be no... Just tell the truth people. You don't have to add any, "I swear on the Bible", "I swear on my mother's grave"... "really I'm telling the truth"... I should expect no less from a brother or sister in Christ... **Kingdom citizens don't need oaths**... your word should be truth!

Don't live by *Lex (Law) Talionis (retaliation)*. Eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. It's one-up-man-ship. Jesus says **love goes the opposite direction**. It shows mercy, rather than demands justice. When we're attacked, **RETALIATE IN LOVE.**

This is how Kingdom citizens live... they give up their right to get even and return love.

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There it is... that word, it's a very popular word, isn't it? So many meanings, so many feelings attached to it, so many definitions, so many experiences. We think we know what it means, but honestly it's been distorted, misrepresented and misunderstood, misused so much that perhaps we've lost of sight of its real meaning. Poets, philosophers, songwriters, filmmakers, painters, dancers, businessmen, scientists, congressmen, everybody's tried to express its meaning. Some get close, others are way off. Some refuse to accept where it comes from, still others act like they don't need it, while others try to convince us that it's just a basic function of the brain. John Lennon said it's all we need, Pat Benatar said it's a battlefield, Sinatra for all you old people out there said it's a many splendored thing

whatever that means. To be honest we've all thrown the word around in some glib reference to ice cream or a football team as if the word is interchangeable between products and people, and I'm not trying to knock that, it's just that sometimes I really want to know what a word means, it kinda helps in conversations and human communication. But this word, huh, can we really define it? Is it too ambiguous, too morphed from its original meaning, too mysterious we can't even expect anything from it? Well maybe the creator of its original meaning should be consulted. Let's glean from His book and see how He defines it, shall we. **Agape**

That's the New Testament word for love that I'm talking about, the kind of love that we're all really longing for, that nothing else even comes close. This is the kind of love that when demonstrated properly changes everything. It's an active and unconditional love; it's the kind of love that says, "I'll never think of myself first." Everything I do is for someone else. It's the kind of love that says, "I'll be rejected so you can be accepted; I'll be humiliated so you can be lifted up." It's the kind of love that says, "I'll sit this one out for the good of the team. I'll move to the back so my friend can move to the front." It's a rare love that proves its merit by action; the kind that wakes up every morning and that asks, "How can I out serve everyone around me today?" The kind of love that when there's only three tickets to a U2 concert and four people want to go, your friend says he'll catch them the next time they're in town. It's a motivational love that says, "Don't worry because I got your back, you can do all things with me on your side." It's the kind of love that says, "I'm with you always. I'll provide for you. I'll sit with you beside still waters and I'll go before you in battle." It whispers, "I forgive you." And it shouts, "I'm your best friend." It leads you to truth and steers you from harm. It's the kind of love that can't be earned, it can't be bought, that won't leave you, that won't forsake you, and that won't misjudge you. It's the rare kind of love that will tackle you to the ground so you won't fall off a cliff. This is the kind of love that's better than life, stronger than death, it's patient, it's kind, it always protects, trusts, hopes and perseveres. Agape love is unmerited, it's unmovable, it's unshakeable, it's undeniable, indestructible, secure, sensitive and straightforward. It's the kind of love that builds up, it seeks the lost, it befriends enemies, it corrects, it guides, it comforts, it reassures. In the simplest of terms and maybe most complete definition, it's the kind of love that says, "I'll die so you can live."

From **inner attitudes in Chapter 5 to outward activities in Chapter 6.**

Every circus has its clowns, and the Pharisees were the clowns of Judaism.

In chapter 6 the first 18 verses Jesus will teach us **HOW TO GIVE**, **HOW TO PRAY**, And **HOW TO FAST**. And notice first, Jesus never says, **"if you**

give", or **"if you pray"**, or **"if you fast"**. Expected disciplines of a believer!

3 times (verses 2, 5, and 16) it's always **"when"** you **give**, **"when"** you **pray**, **"when"** you **fast**.

Two kinds of people... takers and givers... the takers eat well but the givers sleep well!

When I give...? Give cheerfully... 2 Cor 9: ⁷ *So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.*

Give generously... 2 Chron. 31:5

Give systematically... Deut 14:22, Gen 28:16-22, Prov 3:9-10

Give reverently... Mt 2:11, Deut 14:23, Lev 22:20, Mal 1:6-9

Give proportionally... 1Cor 16:2, Deut 16:17, Ex 35:5, Ezra 2:69

Give faithfully ... 1Cor 16:2, Deut 14:27, 2 Chr 31:4-8

Give joyfully... 2 Cor 8:2, 2 Chr 24:10, 2 Chr 29:36, 1Chr 29:17

Give willingly... 2 Cor 8:12, Ex 35:21-22, 1 Chr 29:6

Give regularly... Deut 16:16, 1Cor 16:2, Neh 10:35-39

Give expectantly... Mal 3:8-10, Gen 28:20-22, Luke 6:38, 2 Cor 9:6-11

Give eternally... Mt 6:19-20, 1Tim 6:19, Mk 10:21, Heb 11:13-16

Give thoughtfully... Hag 1:3-11

Give extravagantly... Jn 12:1-8, Mk 12:41-44, 1 Chr 29: 2-9, Ex 35

GIVE, PRAY OR FAST TO BE SEEN BY MEN... Hypocrites...

Hypokrites is a Greek word that means **"mask-wearer."** **FAKE...** this is where we get the phrase **"TWO FACED"** *You can do a wonderful thing for the wrong motive and have it count for nothing before God; Christianity is a matter of the heart, not just outward works.*

When Jesus says they have their reward the word have “apecho”, can be understood as “paid in full.” Better enjoy the accolades, and pats on the back, and the esteem of men – you’ll get no *reward* from God. As **G. Campbell Morgan** once said, “Motive is everything in the Kingdom.” **When acts of worship are staged to impress man, they cease to impress God.**

SIN... It intrudes into the very highest and holiest of acts. Our Giving and our Prayers.

We are praying to “our Father,” an ascription that was only made possible by the Lord Jesus, who broke with all tradition and called God his Father.

Remember that in the Old Testament, God was addressed as **ELOHIM, the Strong One; EL SHADDAI, the Mighty One;** and **YAHWEH**, the unspeakable word that meant, **“I AM THAT I AM.”**

Why did Jesus suddenly say, “When you pray, call God Daddy, Papa, Abba, Father?” Was He no longer the **UNSPEAKABLE ONE. THE ALMIGHTY ONE, the Omnipotent One** God of the Old Testament? Same God but now things are different!

We were adopted into His family. If you are truly a child of God, He is still the **UNSPEAKABLE ONE. THE ALMIGHTY ONE, the Omnipotent One.** We are now His kids so He is also our **“Daddy”**. He is both our Father and our King and is to be approached intimately, but with deepest awe and respect.

Our Father is FAITHFUL! Our Father is GENEROUS Our Father is TENDER Our Father never lets us out of His sight Our Father’s LOVE HAS NO CONDITION

So “Don't wrestle... nestle.”

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, “HALLOWED” “to make holy, separated, and transcendent.” Hallowed be your **NAME** ... Name **THE CHARACTER OF GOD who He is!**

His Natural **ATTRIBUTES, HIS MORAL ATTRIBUTES AND ALL THAT STANDS BEHIND HIS HOLY NAME.**

Transcendent Our Dad is above His creation. **Immanent** He is actively involved **within** His creation. **Eternal** Our Father has no beginning or ending. **Infinite** Our heavenly Daddy has no limitation in space. **Immutable** God is not capable of nor susceptible to change. **Omniscience** ALL KNOWING. **Omnipotent** God is ALL powerful! **Omnipresent** God is everywhere present in the universe.

**HOLY JUST RIGHTEOUS MERCIFUL FULL OF GRACE
GOODNESS TRUTH LOVE OH HALLOWED BY THY NAME!**”

Psalm 8:1 "O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth.

¹⁰ **Your kingdom come.** Both in the future and in the present. In me, in your church and in the world. Constantly living in the light of His eminent return... Jesus tells us to Be Watchful: Be Cautious: Be Awake: Be Active!!!

As we look at our nation's loss of morality; the lies and deceit of politics, attending funerals of loved ones, loss of jobs, diagnosis' of cancer and illness... we all pray, **"YOUR KINGDOM COME!"** followed by the 2nd to the last verse of the Bible, **"AMEN, COME, LORD JESUS"** Rev. 22:20 **so praying "your Kingdom come" ... Keeps us eternally minded!**

Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Hebrew thought structure demands that we understand both **"your kingdom come"** and **"your will be done"** in direct light of **"HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME"**. If we truly believe God is everywhere present **Omnipresent**, all powerful **Omnipotent** and all knowing **Omniscience** we would always want **HIS KINGDOM** and **HIS WILL** to be done!

Should not all our prayers end with **"your Kingdom come... your will be done!"**

¹² **AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS.**

GRUDGES, BITTERNESS UNFORGIVENESS... termites eating away at our character, **suppressing the fruits of the Holy Spirit...** love is gone, joy dissipates, peace comes infrequently, patience morph's into agitation, kindness has a harsh edge to it, goodness erodes and self control is lost to disorder of the mind. Then comes depression as an unforgiving, offended self turns inward. Spiritual death awaits those who do not forgive.

WOW! THIS IS HEAVY! St. Augustine called this request “**the terrible petition**” because he realized that if we pray “Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors” with an unforgiving heart, we are actually asking God not to forgive us, **“THE TERRIBLE PETITION?”** only if one holds unforgiveness in their hearts.

The point is: If we are Christians, we **CAN** and **MUST** forgive!

When people fail, don't rub it in. Rub it out. Forgive them.

THE LORD S PRAYER IS COMPRISED OF **65** **PROFOUNDLY SIMPLE AND SIMPLY PROFOUND** WORDS. YOU CAN MEDITATE ON THIS PRAYER FOR HOURS, DAYS, MONTHS, AND YEARS FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.

GOLD IS A PRECIOUS COMMODITY ON EARTH; IN HEAVEN GOD uses it to PAVE the streets! Regarding material things, the secret to happiness is not *more*, but **contentment in what you have!**

1 Timothy 6:6-10 Now godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out. ⁸ And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the **love of money** is a root **of** all kinds **of** evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

In **Luke 12:15** Jesus says, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

If **anything** in this world is **everything** to you, it is an earthly treasure.

Remember... No uhauls following a Hearse Or as the Spanish proverb says, "There are no pockets in a shroud."

None of us will take anything with us! Job understood this perfectly: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD."

One life will soon pass and only what's done for Christ will last...

THE BEST WAY TO SPEND YOUR LIFE IS DOING THINGS THAT WILL OUTLAST IT!

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also: **IS YOUR HEART SET ON HEAVENLY TREASURE?** If so, your treasure is incorruptible, and so is your heart.

"THE MOST DISOBEYED COMMAND"

THREE TIMES in 10 verses Jesus **COMMANDS** us not to worry...

Verse 25 **"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life"**

Verse 31 **"Therefore do not worry"**

Verse 34 **"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow"**

No doubt these commands are the most disobeyed in all the Scripture.

OVER 400 times God's word commands us not to worry or be anxious.

Church, worry is not a weakness, it's a sin!

The word **"WORRY"** is derived from an Anglo-Saxon word meaning to **strangle** or to **choke**. It **chokes** out all that is good!

REMEMBER, worry is **Irresponsible**, **irrelevant** **AND IRREVERENT**.

Chapter 7 "Judge not, that you be not judged. ² For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be

measured back to you. ³ And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank *is* in your own eye? ⁵ Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. **THE REMOVAL OF A SPECK FROM SOMEONE ELSE'S EYE IS DELICATE SURGERY**

Do I have the right to point out someone's dirty feet unless I'm willing to kneel down and wash them.

THE GOLDEN RULE Matthew 7:12 "whatever you want men to do to you, **DO** also to them..." It's been called "**The Mount Everest of Ethics**".

The Talmud, Buddha, Confucius, even Socrates Stated a similar truth... but they all put it in the negative. Don't do to others... but Jesus put it in the **positive**. It's not enough to avoid doing harm – **Look for ways to do good.** Jesus took the golden rule, and made it genuinely golden.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. With Jesus' qualification of "NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME" we could read it, Jesus said, "I am the **ONLY** way, the **ONLY** truth and the **ONLY** life.

It is not about **sincerity** or the **amount of faith** you have. You don't arrive in God's presence by being a good person. If there was any other way but Jesus then He would **NOT** have had to die on the cross.

Matthew 7 verse 13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴ Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. Jesus cuts our choices to **2** - **2** gates, **2** ways, **2** crowds, **2** DESTINATIONS... It's either ETERNITY IN **HEAVEN** or ETERNITY IN **HELL**. When you enter eternity there's just **2** sections - **smoking or non-smoking.**

The narrow way is wonderful... Because of Him we know our “**life is not futile**” our “**failures are not fatal**” and “**our death will not be final**”

False teachers, you will know them by their *fruit*. **The fruit is seen in 2 categories...**

One... What the teacher says (the doctrinal content of his teaching)
often it is The absence of **ESSENTIAL DOCTRINE...**

Is he preaching truth about holiness, righteousness, justice. Final judgment... HELL, the depravity of man

TWO... Authenticity! in the way they live. (moral life)

False teachers are **PEARL ONIONS** posing as a **malt balls**... or an Oreo cookie full of **HORSE RADISH**. Wolves in sheep's clothing...

THE ASTOUNDING & STAGGERING words of Jesus at the final judgment,

Matthew 7 verse 21... ²¹ “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ ²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

Do you pass the litmus test Jesus has set forth for those who would call themselves “followers of Christ?”

Does your character conform to the Kingdom?

DONALD CARSON EXPLAINS: The man who builds his house upon the shifting foundation is likened to the person who hears Jesus' words but who does not put them to practice. The man who builds his house upon the rock is likened to the person who not only hears Jesus' words but also puts them into practice. The difference between the two houses is therefore likened to the difference between **obedience and disobedience.**

James 1:22 But be **doers** of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

The sermon of the move... He did not need to touch Leper. **stand back!**
stand back! 6 Feet remember. Be healed... **WAM!**

To demonstrate this "Sermon" this divine appointment with this leper was no chance encounter. You see it's not just about talk, just about belief but it's about action.

Loving God, loving each other and loving the lost!

He was, at the very least, the most remarkable person to walk this earth. **He came with words too incredible to believe, and with wonders too incredible not to.** His footsteps shook the world, leaving a crevasse across the centuries, separating the ones that stretched ahead of Him from those that lay behind him. The prints left by those steps were made not by the hobnailed boots of a soldier or by the tailored footwear of a senator. **They were made by sandals,** the sandals as unaccustomed to floors of marble as they were to fields of battle. **Who was the man that wore them?** This man who wielded no sword, commanded no army. This man whose steps were so foreign to the corridors of power.

About him we know so very little. We know next to nothing about His childhood. And comparatively little about his adulthood. For John tells us that if everything had been written down that he did, the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written. Yet he himself wrote nothing, published nothing. His sermons were short. His prayers, mostly private. His ministry, a scant three-and-a-half years. Who was this man who changed the world, walking wherever he went in such ordinary sandals?

His name was Jesus. **MAY WE ALL FALL AT HIS FEET TO LOVE HIM WHOSE SANDALS THE VERY GREATEST HAVE ALWAYS FELT LEAST WORTHY TO UNTIE.**