

Living Right-Side up in the Upside Down
Matthew 5:1-2



Matthew 5:1-2 (HCSB)

“When He saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain, and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. Then He began to teach them.”

I. The Background

“The Sermon on the Mount still haunts men. They may praise it as Mahatma Gandhi did; or like Nietzsche, they may curse it. They cannot ignore it.” A. M. Hunter

“Among Jesus’ teachings, the Sermon on the Mount is perhaps the most beloved, the best known, the least understood, and the hardest to obey.” Daniel Doriani

II. The Speaker

Mark 1:22 (NIV)

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.

III. The Audience

Matthew 4:23-25

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. 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. Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

IV. The Message

- The Good News of the True Kingdom
- Genuine Righteousness is a matter of the Heart
- Real Disciples Live Changed Lives
- The Incredible Power of Grace and Forgiveness