

When Jesus saw the crowds gathering, He went up on the mountainside, sat down and began to teach them.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit. The Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

Blessed are those who mourn. They will be comforted.

Blessed are those who are humble. They will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger for justice. They will be satisfied.

Blessed are those who are merciful. They will be shown mercy.

Blessed are those whose hearts are pure. They will see God.

Blessed are those who work for peace. They will be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for doing right. The Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

Blessed are those who are mocked because of Me. A great reward awaits you in Heaven."

Jesus' teaching goes **against culture** and our natural instincts.

The path of blessing is not what you would expect.

What does it mean to be **poor in spirit?**

ptóchos: destitute, utterly dependent



There's nothing you can do to earn His love and forgiveness.

Jesus already did it. Just accept it.

The Church isn't a place for the highly moral.

It's for imperfect people who acknowledge their need for God's Grace.

God is crazy about you and has a plan for your life.



Are you ready to declare your spiritual dependence?