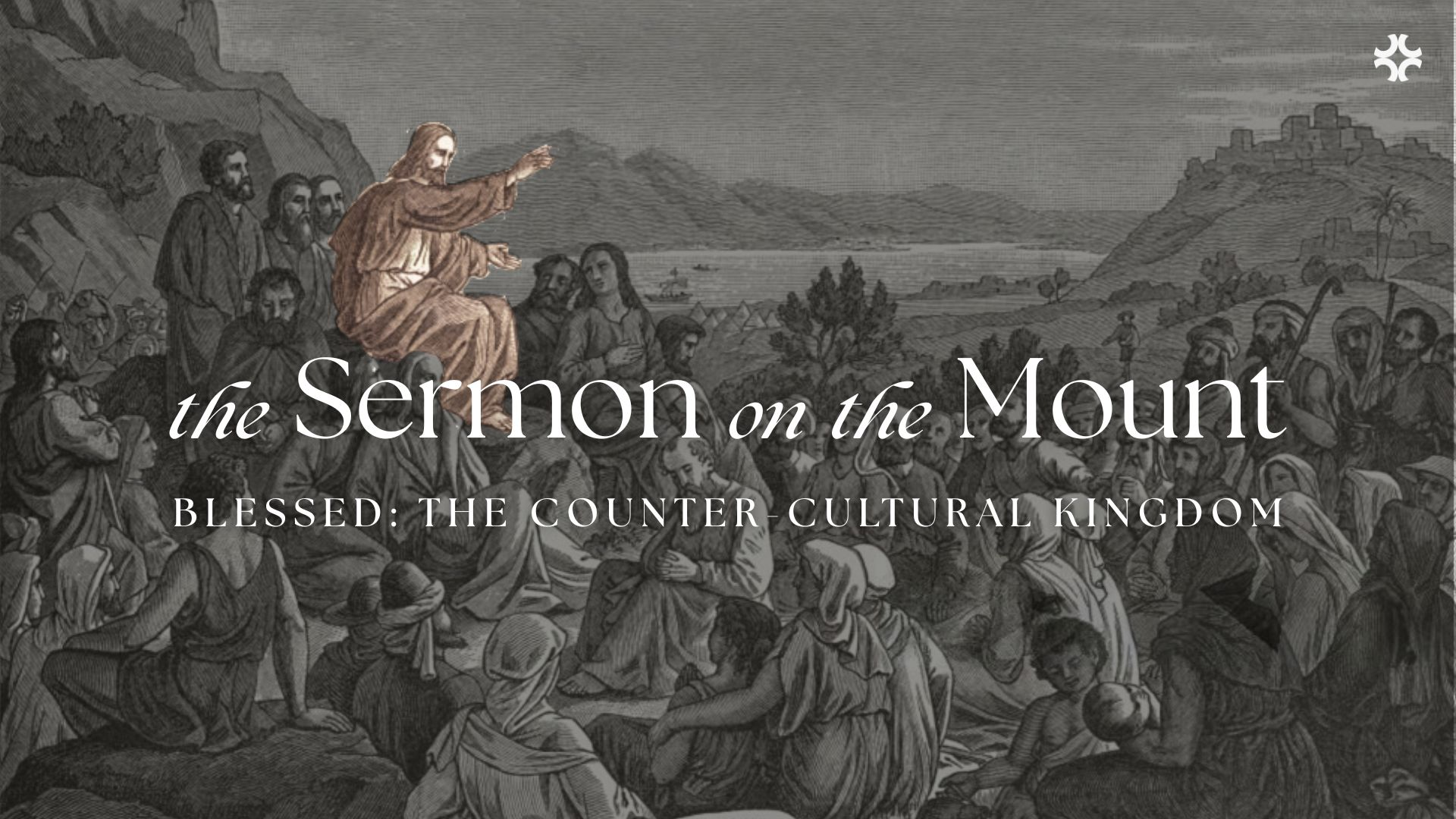


A detailed black and white illustration of Jesus teaching a large crowd on a hillside. Jesus is seated on a rock, wearing a brown robe, and gesturing with his right hand towards the crowd. He is surrounded by a large group of people, including men, women, and children, all dressed in traditional Middle Eastern attire. The background shows a body of water, distant hills, and a city with a castle on a hill. The overall scene is set in a rugged, mountainous landscape.

the Sermon on the Mount

BLESSED: THE COUNTER-CULTURAL KINGDOM

JUSTIFIED | SATISFIED

Legalism | Licentiousness

Legalism: GRACE + LAW	Licentiousness: GRACE WITHOUT LAW
The Formula: Jesus + our performance (obeying the law) = justification and satisfaction	The Formula: Jesus + our freedom = justification and satisfaction
Diagnostic Question: If you constantly feel God is mad or disappointed at you because of your past, you are legalistic	Diagnostic Question: If you feel God doesn't care how you live once you step outside the church walls, you are licentious

Context

- The **goal** of followers of Christ is the good life
(Matthew 5:1-6)
- The **identity** of followers of Christ (Matthew 5:7-12)
- The **mission** of followers of Christ (Matthew 5:13-16)
- The **standard** of followers of Christ (Matthew 5:17-20)
- The **application** for followers of Christ
(Matthew 5:21-48)

Matthew 5:17 “Do not think that I have come to **abolish** the **Law or the Prophets**; I have not come to abolish them but to **fulfill** them.

Matthew 5:18 For truly, **I say to you**,
until heaven and earth pass away, not
an iota, not a dot, will pass **from the**
Law until all is accomplished.

Mark 7:8 "You leave the
commandment of God and hold to the
tradition of men. **9** ...You have a fine
way of rejecting the commandment of
God in order to establish your
tradition!"

Matthew 5:19 Therefore whoever **relaxes** one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness **exceeds** that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the **kingdom of heaven**.

Romans 3:9 What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, **10** as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; **11** no one understands; no one seeks for God. **12** All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one. Now we know that whatever...”

Romans 3:19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. **20 For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.**

1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,