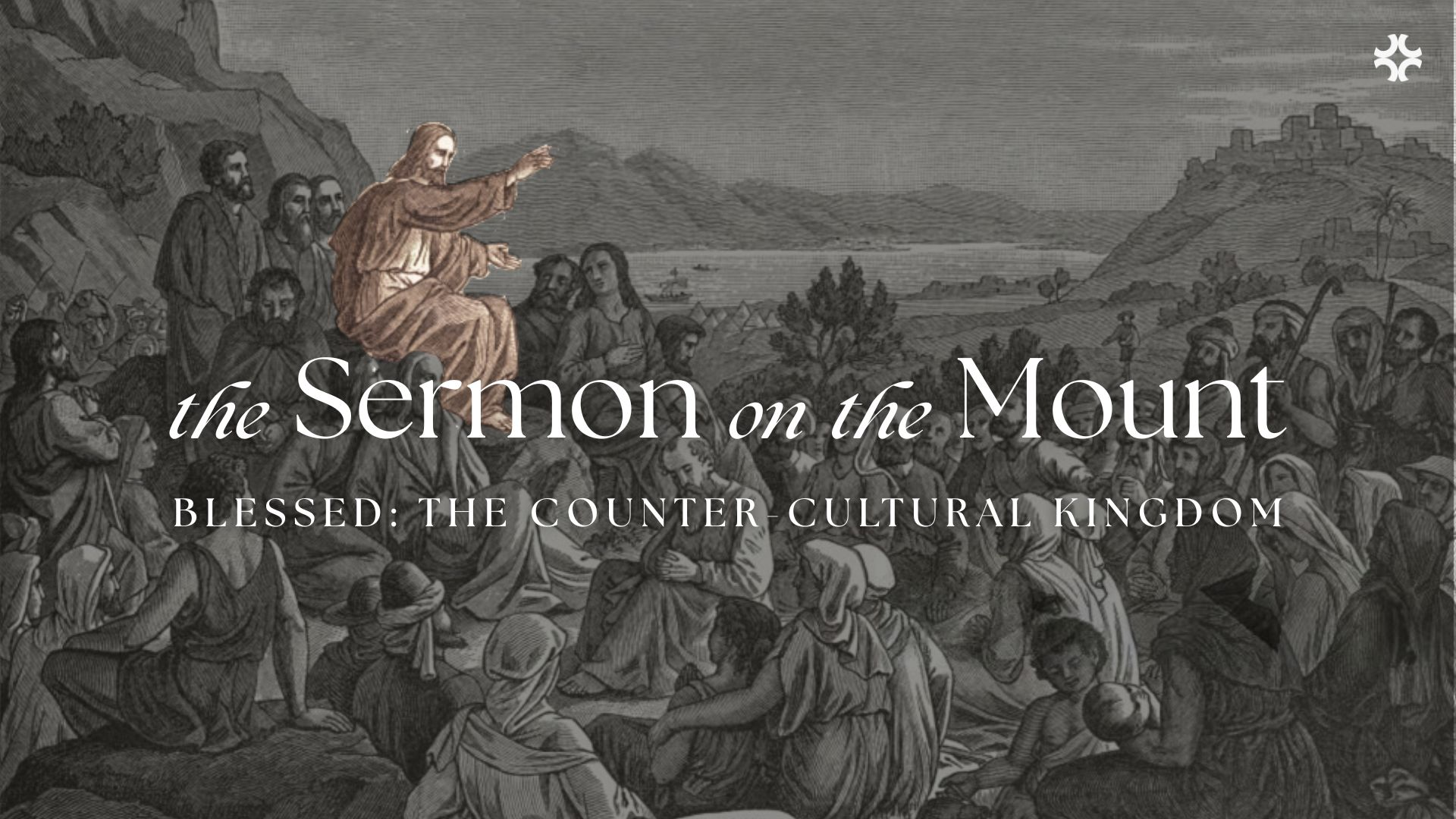


Matthew 5:1 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. **2** And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: **3** "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **4** "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. **5** "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. **6** "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

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

Matthew 5:1-6

1. **Zoom Out:** 5 Things You Need to Know About the Sermon on the Mount
2. **Zoom In:** 4 Shocking Statements from Jesus About the Good Life
3. **One Main Takeaway**

**Who is the author and
who is the audience of Matthew?**

**How does the book of Matthew
fit into the Bible?**

**How does the Sermon on the Mount
fit into Matthew?**

**What is the structure of the Sermon
on the Mount in Matthew 5-7?**

The good life is found in the kingdom of heaven which comes through Jesus.

Matthew 5:2-5:16 – **Identity**: Who are the people of the kingdom of heaven?

Matthew 5:17-7:20 – **Righteousness**: How to live in the kingdom of heaven?

Matthew 7:21-7:29 – **Decision**: Will you enter the kingdom heaven?

**How should we hear and follow the
Sermon on the Mount as 21st
century Christians?**

“The beatitudes... are not a laundry list of attitudes you need to muster up, rather they are a group of sayings, in which Jesus shows us the pathway to true happiness.” – Nick Cady