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BEATITUDES

A Blessed Life
in a Fallen World



Ingredients of a Disciple

Matthew 5
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“If we were to set out to establish a religion in polar opposition to the Beatitudes Jesus taught, it would look strikingly similar to the pop Christianity that has taken over the airwaves of North America.” Tony Campolo

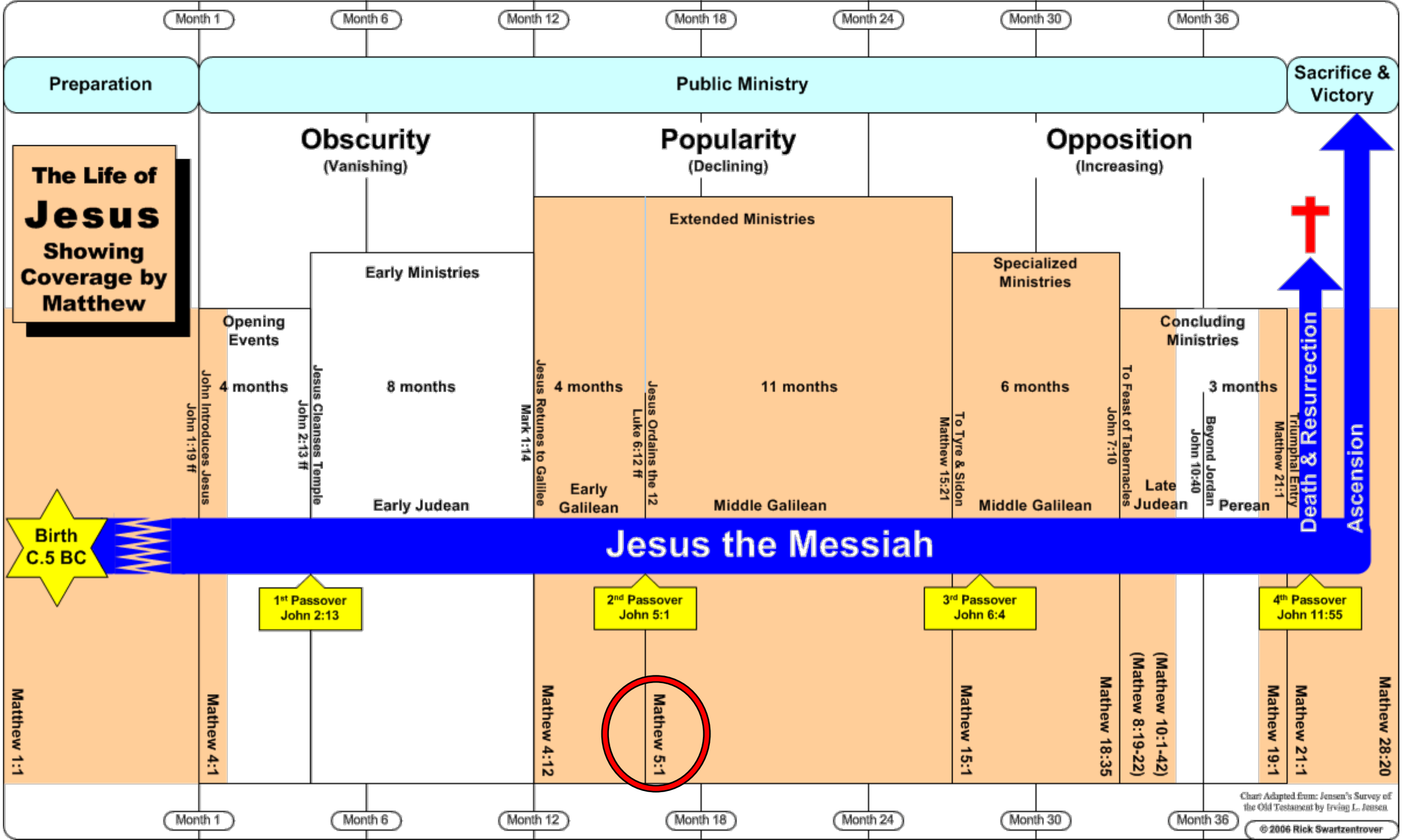


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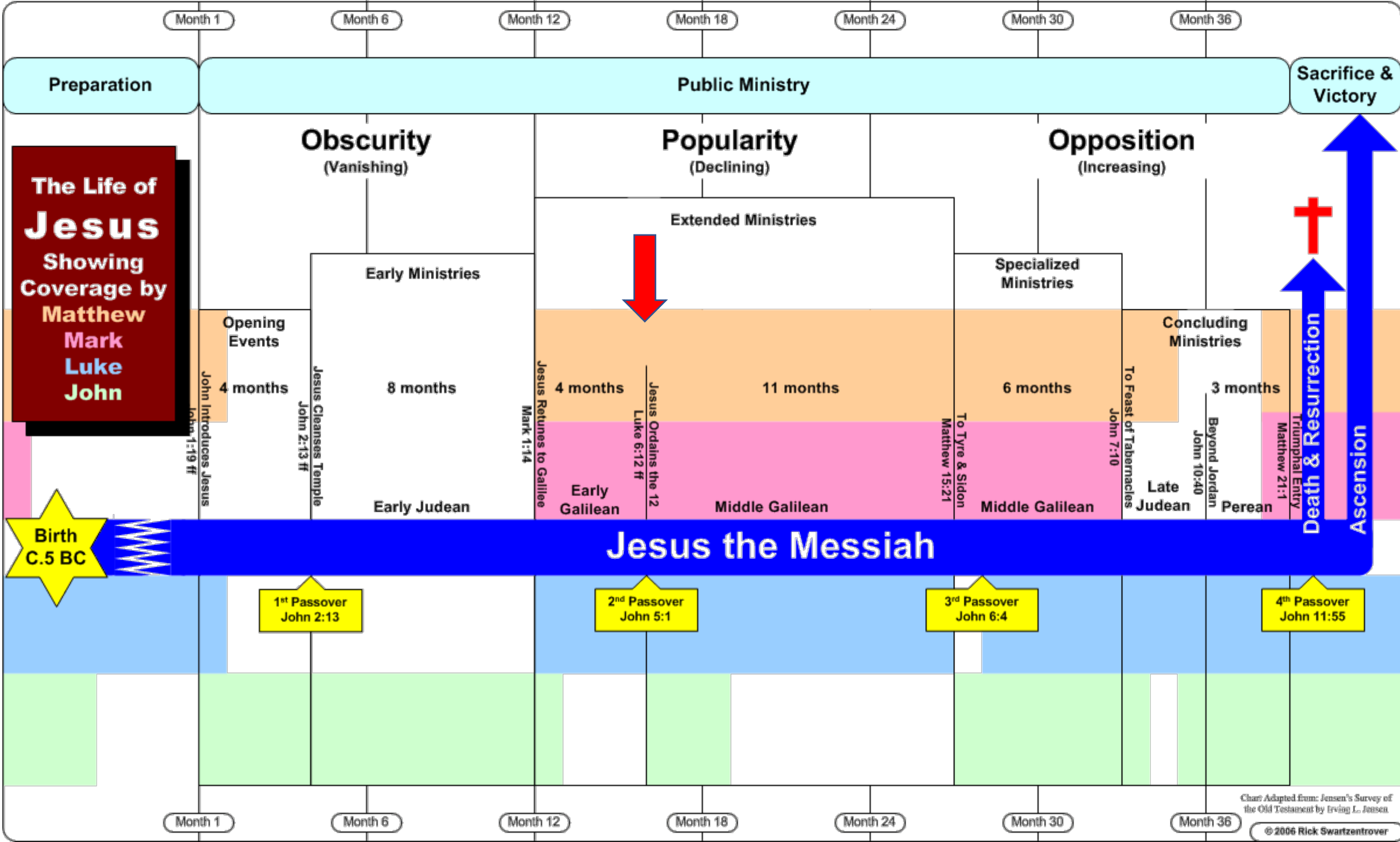


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Sea of Galilee



Sermon on the Mount

Horns of Hattin



Travelling with those pilgrims going to worship in Jerusalem - Passover





“Jesus is not prescribing how to be blessed, but rather describing who is blessed.”

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1 When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

2 He opened His mouth and began to teach 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 gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10 “Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

A. Kingdom of God

B. This world

Creation

Christ

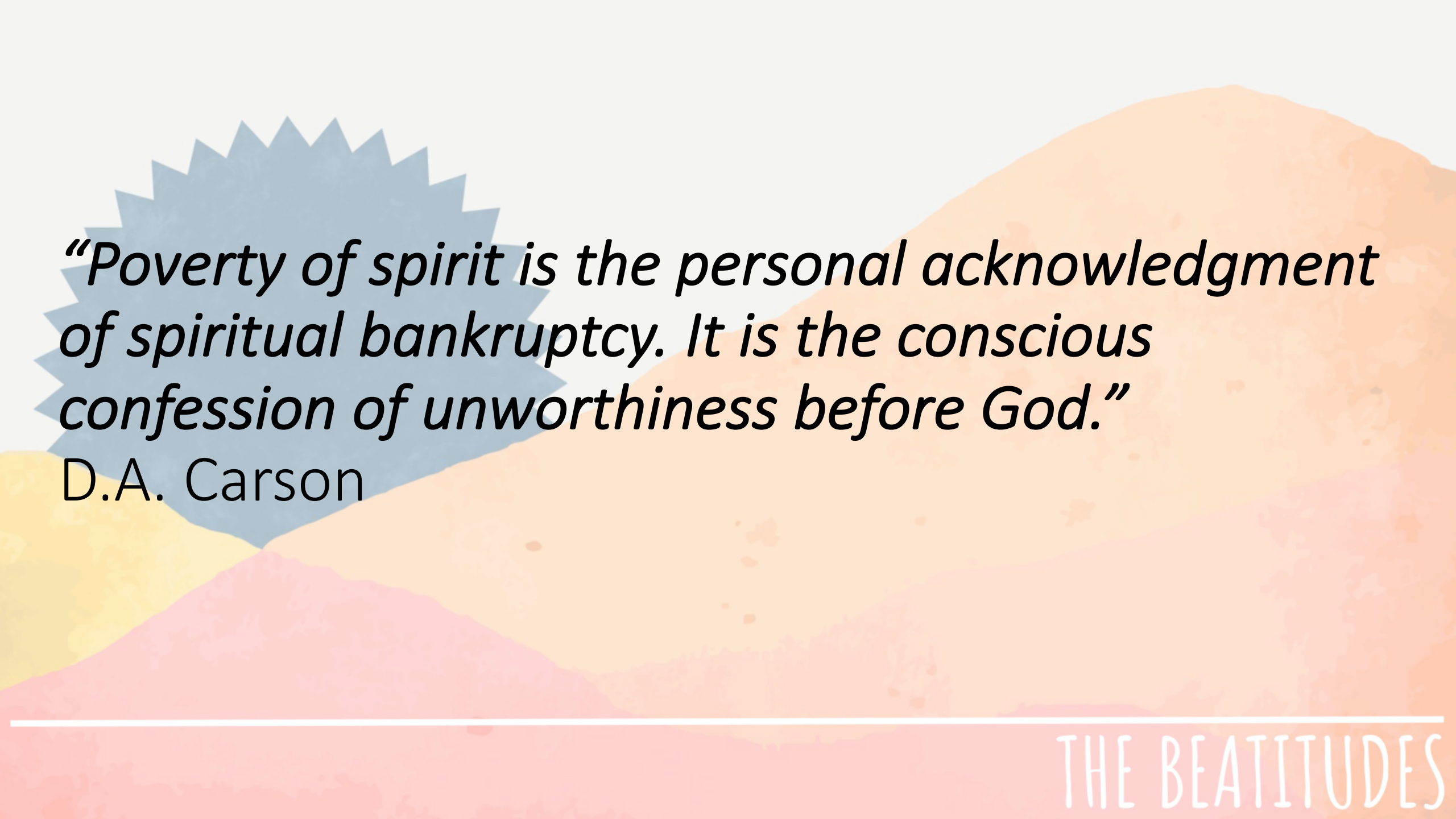
End of World:
Beginning of New Heaven
and Earth

“Kingdom of God” – His will and way always
“Kingdom of Heaven” – His way in Heaven
“Kingdom of Heaven” here? His way here if
we were obedient!

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Poor in Spirit 3

- ‘without spiritual arrogance’
- Jer. 10:23 “I know, LORD, that a man’s way of life is not his own; no one who walks determines his own steps.”
- We trust health, wealth or birth
- Psalm 8:4 “what is man that You remember him, the son of man that You look after him?”



“Poverty of spirit is the personal acknowledgment of spiritual bankruptcy. It is the conscious confession of unworthiness before God.”

D.A. Carson



3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Poor on Earth 3

- Moses – abandoned wealth and power
- Gideon – hiding from enemies
- Solomon – 1 Kings 3:7 “Lord my God, You have now made Your servant king in my father David’s place. Yet I am just a youth with no experience in leadership.”
- Paul – 1 Tim 1:15 – “chief of sinners”
- Paul’s philosophy of ministry – 1 Cor 2:1-5

“If Jesus was teaching the innate blessedness of material poverty, then the task of Christians would be to help make everyone, including themselves, penniless. Jesus did not teach that material poverty is the path to spiritual prosperity.” John MacArthur

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Poor toward Heaven 3

- Poverty now means nothing!
- Citizenship is celestial!
- Php 3:20 “For our citizenship is in heaven”
- 10 Commandments posted? How about the Beatitudes!

“The Poor in Spirit have a complete absence of pride, a complete absence of self-assurance and self-reliance.”

Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Studies in the Sermon on the Mount

Practicing Poverty of the Soul

- Attitude of spiritual bankruptcy
- Posture of branch NOT vine!
- Willingness to serve as highest honor
- Php 2:5 “Make your own attitude that of Christ Jesus”
- All I am, All I have, All I will ever be...

“It is nothing, then, that we can produce; it is nothing that we can do in ourselves. It is just this tremendous awareness of our utter nothingness as we come face-to-face with God.”

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PRAYER OF THE POOR IN SPIRIT:

“A true prayer is an inventory of needs, a catalog of necessities, an exposure of secret wounds, a revelation of hidden poverty.”

Charles Spurgeon



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