

CHOSEN 2  
Blessed Are The Meek  
Matthew 5:5  
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The Beatitudes as we call them are a list of characteristics that Jesus is teaching the disciples and all the people who have gathered to listen to Him.

**WHAT IT MEANS TO BE MEEK**

*Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.*  
Matthew 5:5 NAS

Most would equate meekness with being gentle.  
Matthew uses the word in quoting the prophecy in Zachariah.  
5 *"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold your King is coming to you, **Gentle**, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"*  
Matthew 21:4 NAS

We tend to think more highly of brave, bold, courageous, impressive and fierce.  
We equate gentle with being weak.

Do you think Jesus was weak riding into Jerusalem on a donkey?

We define meek as **power** under control, under God's control.  
Meekness means your power is in God's hands.  
Meekness is the opposite of self-assertion and self-interest.

**God's favor:**

<b>Takes care of us</b>	Psalms 37:21-22
<b>We serve others</b>	Matthew 5:38-42
<b>We seek God first</b>	Matthew 6:31-33
<b>We will be first in the Kingdom</b>	Matthew 19:29-30
<b>Protected by God</b>	Psalms 3:3
<b>We will be avenged</b>	Exodus 14:13-14

**This is how Jesus describes being meek.**

*For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.*  
Luke 14:7-11 NAS

**Jesus is our example**

*For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, 22 who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; 23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously.*  
1 Peter 2:21-23 NAS

**Meek is to Walk by the Spirit**

*But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. 17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please....25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. 26 Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.*  
Galatians 5:16-25 NAS

**Video: Campfire discussion/Jesus returns from day of healing**

Fact – Nothing is truly finished until the Day of Judgment when all accounts will be settled by God.

I submit to you Jesus was meek. He did what God wanted Him to do when He wanted Him to do it.

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