

The Mount of Beatitudes
Directions In Faith
(Matthew 5 – 7)

~ INTRO ~

NOW...

- As we sit here in the landscape of this area...
 - This is where Jesus gave His longest teaching...
 - And it was flooded with people...
 - Coming to see & hear from Him.

PAUSE... TAKE A LOOK AROUND...

- This is how our Bibles come alive to us during this tour!

- As we see firsthand the same natural environment people saw...
 - 2,000 years ago when Jesus stood here.
 - The Sea of Galilee below
 - The hills & valleys around
 - The sound of people near by

AND...

- Today we consider...
 - The longest recorded message Jesus gave...
 - [“The Sermon on the Mount”](#) (Matt. 5 - 7).

Jesus was not trying to flood the airwaves...

- With more “meaningless information” ...
 - That doesn't connect with our lives.

RATHER...

- He was speaking to the hearts of hungry people...
 - So they would be transformed by the truths of God.

GODS WORD...

- Speaks to our individual condition...
 - As we hear His voice... His word is alive and powerful.

AND... sometimes... that can be uncomfortable!

- But... it always yields the fruit of righteousness...
 - When we respond to Him.

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SO... Jesus touched people's lives...

- With the ACTIONS He did & the WORDS He spoke.

~ CONSIDER FOUR SNAPSHOTS ~

FROM WHAT JESUS TAUGHT RIGHT HERE:

#1) In (Matt. 5:3-12) the beatitudes...

- Jesus speaks to people hungry to follow... He says: "Blessed are..."
 - The poor in spirit...
 - (those who see their need for Him)
 - Those who mourn...
 - Those who are humble...

#2) (Matt. 5:13-16)...

- Jesus speaks to people about how they make an impact...
"You are the salt of the earth & the light of the world."

#3) (Matt. 5:16-20)...

- Jesus speaks about why He came AND the Law!

AND... FINALLY...

#4) In (Matt. 5:21 - 7:28)...

- Jesus speaks to people who will listen... by saying:
"You have heard that it was said..."

He gives insights into the heart of the Father

- And how to handle things in this life:
 - Anger
 - Adultery
 - Divorce
 - Keeping your word
 - Revenge
 - Love in action – How to deal with those we don't get along with
 - Prayer
 - Fasting
 - Money & possessions

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- AND life lessons – (Matt 7).

~ IN CLOSING ~

Let me make this personal to YOU.

EACH OF YOU PAID good money to travel here...

- To the other side of the world.
 - You came here for trip of a life time...
 - Seeking to learn...
 - Seeking an experience...
 - Seeking to hear from God!

The same phrase those who traveled here before us...

- (John 12:21) *“Sir we wish to see Jesus.”*

WELL... at this site...

- We simply understand... that people gathered here...
 - To hear what Jesus had to say.

HE SAID...

*“Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise,
like a person who builds a house on solid rock.”* (Matt 7:24) NLT

HE ALSO SAID...

“The very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.”
(John 6:63) NLT

AMEN!?!