



UPSIDE DOWN

THE KING'S SPEECH | MATTHEW 5:1-12

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan. MATTHEW 4:23-25

I. Jesus inaugurated His _____ by giving His state-of-the-union address. (vv. 1-2)

- A. The kingdom is Christ's "already/not yet" reign which begins in a human heart.
- B. The kingdom is offered to anyone who would follow Him.

II. Jesus described the _____ nature of His kingdom economy and citizens. (vv. 3-12)

- A. Jesus' economy blesses the citizens of His kingdom because of who they are, not what they do.
- B. Jesus' citizens live out kingdom attitudes that contradict the ways of this world.

JESUS' UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM ECONOMY

THE WORLD REWARDS ...	BUT JESUS SAYS HIS CITIZENS ARE ...	HIS CERTAIN BLESSINGS
self-sufficiency	poor in spirit <i>spiritually bankrupt</i>	kingdom of heaven <i>complete heir-ship</i>
appearing happy	mourners <i>sad over sin</i>	comforted <i>full fellowship</i>
domination	meek <i>humble and gentle</i>	inherit the earth <i>given authority</i>
self-righteousness	hungry and thirsty for righteousness <i>seek to follow His ways</i>	satisfied <i>content</i>
showing no mercy	merciful <i>quick to forgive</i>	receive mercy <i>find forgiveness</i>
external blamelessness	pure in heart <i>internally cleansed</i>	see God <i>clarity</i>
peacekeeping at any cost	peacemakers <i>bring peace with God and others</i>	child of God <i>claimed as His own</i>
public majority	persecuted <i>standing for God</i>	kingdom of heaven <i>complete heir-ship</i>

EMBRACE THE NMOC-ƆISƆN NATURE OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM

Embrace the _____ that accompany life's shortcomings to accept Christ's blessings.

Embrace _____, because God's ways will lead you opposite of the world.

Embrace the _____ of Christ's future for you so you can rejoice today.

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DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

1. Read Matthew 5:1-12. This passage is referred to as the *Beatitudes*, or *blessed sayings*. What is the main theme of this passage?

FOR THIS WEEK

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:

MATTHEW 5:12

"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

JOURNAL:

Matthew 5:1-12

"The Sermon on the Mount is greater even than we think. Matthew in his introduction wishes us to see that it is the official teaching of Jesus; that it is the opening of Jesus' whole mind to his disciples; that it is the summary of the teaching which Jesus habitually gave to his inner circle. The Sermon on the Mount is nothing less than the concentrated memory of many hours of heart-to-heart communion between the disciples and their Master."

WILLIAM BARCLAY

2. Some commentators say that the Sermon on the Mount is widely misunderstood. What do you think people would misunderstand about it?

3. The Greek word usually translated "blessed" (*makarios*) doesn't have an exact English equivalent, but roughly synonymous words are: *fortunate, contented, blissful, privileged, peaceful, serene, joyful, happy*. Another definition might be *an inward contentment or abiding joy unaffected by outer circumstances*. How do these definitions aid your understanding of Jesus' teaching here?

4. What's the difference between conduct and character? How are they connected? Is Jesus teaching about one or the other, or both?

5. Jesus preached this sermon to bring about permanent life change, and His concern was (and still is) that we live in stark contrast to the world's system. During the next week, pay closer attention to the contrast between the world's system and Christ's teaching when you watch television, browse the internet, interact with social media or look at the news. What opposites of the Beatitudes fill this world? How does noticing them affect your walk with Jesus?

JOURNAL Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes are so familiar to us that we can be blind to their revolutionary nature. They were a radical challenge to the establishment, turning the accepted priorities upside down. The religious leaders had an artificial, external righteousness based on the law, but the righteousness Jesus describes is a true righteousness that begins internally—in the heart.

Try an experiment the next eight days. Apply one beatitude each day by meditating on it. For example ...

MONDAY Focus on what it means to be "poor in spirit"—having total dependence on God

TUESDAY Work through mourning your sinful condition and your gratitude for Christ's forgiveness

WEDNESDAY Think about how you can maintain gentleness in all your interactions

(You can also refer to the chart on the sermon notes for the complete list.) Do this each day of the week until you run through the eight Beatitudes, noting what you learn each day. By the end of that time, see how it affects your daily walk with Christ and your witness to others.

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. That's a great spot to see what's coming up!

SIGN UP FOR BAND OF BROTHERS AND WOMEN IN THE WORD. Looking for a place to connect at Christ Chapel while learning more about Scripture? Join us for our men's and women's Bible studies! Band of Brothers will be taking this spring to step into a study of 1 Peter. Learn how to live out our Christian calling even when it collides with the culture around us. Ladies, come to Women in the Word and study 1 Samuel. Uncover how the lives of God's people play a part in His story of salvation and how His redemptive love is your story too. Learn more and sign up today at ccbcfamily.org/events.

COME JOIN REDEEMED HEART RECOVERY. This spring Soul Care will be starting up their Redeemed Heart Recovery. Join a group as they walk through how to biblically address and recover from difficult circumstances, struggles and addictions in a supportive and biblical environment. To learn more visit ccbcfamily.org/soulcare.

HSM FATHER AND DAUGHTER EVENT As a parent it's a sweet privilege to watch your daughter grow into the woman God has purposed for her to become during these high school years. Here at Student Ministries we want to provide you with opportunities to walk alongside her as she continues to learn about who she is in Christ. Join us as we have a day at Pure Adventure dedicated to you pouring into her life through fun activities and a time of encouragement. Learn more by visiting ccbcfamily.org/events.

JOIN A SMALL GROUP THIS SPRING Life is best lived in a community and we want to help you find that! Home Groups are a place where you can come together with fellow believers in your life stage and grow together in your walk with the Lord, as well as live life together. This spring, join a home group and get connected with fellow believers here at Christ Chapel. A home group is how a big place starts to feel small. To learn more, visit us online at ccbcfamily.org/connect.

INSTRUMENTS IN THE REDEEMERS HANDS Part of our role as believers is to make disciples and we want to help equip you as we strive to reach others with the life-changing news of Jesus Christ. This year, learn more about how to do that practically by taking the Soul Care class Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands, designed to equip you to come alongside others and help them as they grow to look more like Jesus. Make ministry your life and life your ministry. Not only will you have the excitement of seeing someone else's life change, but your own life will change as well. Learn more by visiting ccbcfamily.org/soulcare

LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.



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