

Chapters 5-10

The Beatitudes

How does the giving of the Beatitudes compare/contrast to the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai?

What are the meanings of the following beatitudes?

Blessed are: The poor in spirit

Those who mourn

The meek

Those who hunger and thirst

The merciful

The pure in heart

The peacemakers

Those who are persecuted

Salt & Light

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus calls God “Father” 17 times. Why is this important?

Concerning Anger

What is the significance of the “Six Antitheses” when Jesus cites the Old Law “you have heard that it was said” and responds “But I say to you?”

Judging Others

What is the difference between judging the act and judging the person?

Jesus Cleanses a Leper

How does the cleansing of a leper and the Mosaic Law on ritual cleanliness relate to the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

Jesus Calms the Storm at Sea

How does this miracle compare / contrast to the experience of Jonah in the Old Testament?

Jesus Heals a Paralytic

Forgiveness of sins in the Old Testament was available only through the sacrificial system of the Temple in Jerusalem. Is Jesus superior to the Old Covenant system established by Moses?

The Call of Matthew

What is meant when Jesus says “I desire mercy and not sacrifice for I came not to call the righteous but sinners?” How does Jesus subtly rebuke the Pharisees by citing the prophet Hosea?

Questions About Fasting

What is the meaning of the old garment and the old wineskins as it relates to the new garment and wineskins?

Harvest is Plentiful the Laborers are Few

What is the meaning of the word sheep on the Old Testament?

The Twelve Disciples

What is the significance of choosing twelve apostles?

The Mission of the Twelve

Why did Jesus send the twelve out only to the Israelites of Galilee?