

WITH JESUS ON THE MOUNTAIN Matthew 5:1–10

Jesus sympathizes with our weaknesses and helps us in our trials

Introduction:

- 1. Mountains and Valleys are life Metaphors we find in the Bible...**
 - a. David Talks About the Valley of the Shadow of Death...
 - b. Or that even if the Mountains were cast into the Sea we will not fear
 - c. Jesus Spoke about Faith able to Move Mountains
 - 2. We've all experienced Mountains Peaks and Valleys in our Life Journey**
 - a. Because It's impossible to have Peaks without the valleys
 - 3. We See Several Mountains in the Ministry of Jesus...**
 - a. Not Only Are these Mountains that Jesus Climbed Himself...
 - b. They are Mountains He Will Help Us to Climb in Our Life.
- > So Let's Travel With Christ on the Mountain—to See What We Can Learn...**
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1. THE MOUNTAIN OF BLESSING

A. Jesus Began His Ministry By Teaching on a Mountain (Matthew 5:1-2)

- 1. The Sermon on the Mount was the most amazing sermon ever preached**
 - a) And Jesus Began this sermon with a series for blessings...
 - b) Remember The Last Word of the OT is the word "Curse" (Mal. 4:6)
 - c) Jesus First Word of His First Sermon was word: "Blessed" (Mt 5:1ff)
- 2. Jesus Says More In These Blessings Than Sociologists and Psychologists have said ever said before or since!**
 - a) There is a Blessing for Those Who Obey the Words of Christ
 - b) A Blessing for Those Who Have NOT Seen the Risen Savior—Yet Believe!

B. Not Only Did Jesus Begin with this Series Blessings...

- 1. We Find a Blessing in the last words given to a lost world (Rev 22:12-14)**
 - a) The Blessing to the Tree of Life
 - b) The Blessing to Enter the City Who's Builder and Maker is God
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2. THE MOUNTAIN OF TEMPTATION

A. Another Mountain Jesus Faced was one of Temptation (Matthew 4:8)

- 1. Jesus Spent 40 days and nights fasting in the Wilderness**
 - a) It Was After this period of fasting that Satan came to Tempt Jesus
- 2. The Third and Final Temptation was on an Exceedingly High Mountain**
 - a) Satan showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory
 - b) All the Lost Souls under Satan's influence
 - c) All the power and glory of the worlds kingdoms across the whole world

3. All of This Can Be Yours! — You Can Have a Crown without the Cross!

- a) If You Fall Down and Worship Me
- b) I Believe Satan Shows his cards in this request—this is what he really wants
- c) He wants to be worshipped as if he were God—but he's not

B. We Too Face the Mountains of Temptation...

1. Satan Will Promise the World—but then steals your soul

- a) One of the Richest men on earth jumped from the top of his own high-rise this week
- b) At one time He was married to one of the most famous actresses in world
- c) He hung out with movie stars, hedge-fund billionaires, even an ex-president of U.S.

2. In the Eyes of the World—He Stood on top of the Mountain!

- a) Private Jets and Private Islands...
- b) But Then he ended it all from the top of his own high-rise

3. Don't Ever Forget—Temptations are from the Enemy—the father of lies!!

- a) The Enemy Doesn't Care About You! —He Only Cares About Himself
- b) Jesus Faced Temptation from the Enemy and So Will We—
- c) But Jesus Used the Truth of God's Word to Fend off the Lies of the Enemy

3. THE MOUNTAIN OF PRAYER

A. Jesus Also Went on the Mountain to Pray (Matthew 14:23)

1. Jesus Spent Much Time in Prayer—Even Praying All night at times

- a) He prayed before choosing the disciples...
- b) He prayed when He miraculously fed the 5,000
- c) He prayed before raising Lazarus from the dead
- d) He taught the disciples to pray!

2. And He Prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane with drops of sweat as blood

B. Praying to God Can Take Place Anywhere at Anytime

1. 24 hours / 7 days week / 365 days a year

- a) You Don't Have to Worry About Roaming Charges, or Cell Signal,
- b) Or Long Distance Charges, or calling at a bad time... — God is Available!

2. But Some Places are so Peaceful & Beautiful — it's impossible NOT to pray

- a) Under a Starry Night Sky...
- b) An Overlook above the Ocean
- c) On a Mountain Overlooking God's Creation for Miles and Miles

3. Prayer is Simply Talking to God...

Jesus said, go into your closet and pray in secret...

- a) Think about How Personal That is—Just You and God—and no one else!
- b) Tell Him what your going through — Ask for His Wisdom and Help
- c) Make your requests known to Him—Cast your anxieties on Him for He Cares for You!

4. THE MOUNTAIN OF TRANSFIGURATION

A. Jesus Led a Few Disciples Up a High Mountain (Mk 9:2)

1. **Jesus Begins to Shine in Luminescent Light**
2. **He is Glowing with Glory**
3. **It was such an amazing incident that Peter didn't know what to say!**
 - a) And When Peter Doesn't Know What to Say—You Know He Was Stunned!
 - b) He Was Trying to say something like—let's build three shrines!
4. **But God Knew What to Say! (Luke 9:34–35)**
 - a) Here is Moses—the giver of the OT Law from Mt Sinai
 - b) Elijah—representing the OT Prophets
 - c) BUT THIS IS JESUS—The Son of God! Obey Him!

B. It's Amazing that Jesus Was Speaking with Moses and Elijah...

1. **Who Had Been Dead for Centuries!**
2. **But God is not God of the Dead but of the Living!**
3. **I Always Wondered—What Were They Talking About?**

Luke Tells Us! (Luke 9:30–31)

NKJ “His decease” ESV “His departure”

5. THE MOUNTAIN OF DEATH

A. Jerusalem the Holy City sits at the Top of a Mountain...

1. **In the OT it was Called Mt Moriah, but was Also Known as Mt Zion**
 - a) Outside the City Walls was Golgatha: which means place of the skull (Lk 23:33)
 - b) Golgatha is the Greek — Translated ‘Calvary’ in Latin
 - c) This is Calvary's Mountain
2. **He Had Come Down From Heaven in Human Form...**
 - a) He Had Spoken the Greatest Words Ever Spoken...
 - b) Teaching the Greatest Principles Ever Taught
 - c) He Had the Power and Authority to Call 12 Legions of Angels to Free Him
3. **Now He Has Been Up All Night—Praying, Betrayed, Arrested, Put on Trial**
 - a) He Has Been Whipped, Spit on, Mocked and Interrogated
 - b) Pilate's Wife has a Dream—and she send word to her husband: Have Nothing to do with this Righteous Man
 - c) Pilate tries Interrogating Him but Jesus Refuses to Play Political Games
 - d) Pilate says: Are You Not Speaking to Me? Do You Not Know I Have the Power to Crucify You or Release You?
 - e) Jesus: You Would Have No Power Over Me Except it had been Give you from above
4. **The Mob Cries Out Crucify Him...**

Jesus is Sentenced to the Death of a Criminal

B. Jesus was forced to carry His cross up Calvary's Mountain...

- 1. Forced to carry His cross to Golgatha, the Place of the Skull**
 - a) He is Dehydrated, Bleeding from the Trauma of Torture
 - b) He Collapses under the weight of the thick Timbers of the Cross
 - c) Under the Weight of the Cruellest Form of Death Ever Devised by Man

2. The Cross Shows the Cruelty of Sinful Humanity...

And the Cross Also Shows us the Incredible Love of God

- a) Jesus Was Willing to Suffer and Die to Pay Your Debt in Full by His Own Blood

C. None of Us Can Escape the Place of the Skull...

1. We Must All Step Through the Dark Door of Death...

- a) But Jesus Went Before Us—So that For His People...
- b) the Darkest Door—Leads to the Brightest Light!

2. To A City Whose Builder and Maker is God!

- a) There Will Be No Night... No Death...
- b) There Will Be No Sin or Sorrow or Suffering

6. THE MOUNTAIN OF ASCENSION

A. After Jesus Rose from the Dead...

- 1. He Gave Instructions for the Disciples to Meet Him on a particular Mountain (Mt 28:16)**
- 2. Jesus Resurrection was so Incredible it was Difficult for them to grasp**
- 3. But Jesus Not Only Appeared to them—but spoke with them, ate with them and showed them His hands and His Side**

B. They Met Jesus on the Mountain where He Gave Them The Age-Lasting Commission (Mt 28:19-20)

- 1. He Assured Them of His Power & Authority...**
- 2. He Gave Them an Age-Long Commission...**
- 3. He Promised His Presence...**

CONCLUSION:

1. Death is Not the Final Chapter!

- a) God Will NOT Let Death Have the Last Say...
- b) Look At His Promise!
- c) 'I Will Be With You Always, Even Unto the End of the World'

2. Jesus Climbed That Mountain...

- a) He sympathizes with our Weaknesses...
- b) He Helps us in Our Trials...
- c) He is Our Mediator, Our High Priest, Our King & Redeemer!