



The Way of Jesus

Brent Moody · Matthew 5:1–7:29 · Series: **The Way of Jesus**

INTRODUCTION

- I think what's most important is that you hear the words of Jesus this morning from the sermon from Matthew 5 to 7.
- And he went throughout Galilee teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom.
- These are the core ideas and concurrent themes that run through Matthew, but particularly within this sermon on the mount.

1 Identity in the Kingdom

Matthew 5:1–16; Psalm 1

- Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Kingdom citizenship with Jesus has these boundaries focused on character and influence, not geography.
- What is vital is the nature of the kind of person you are.
- But instead, he's looking for those who realize how desperately they need him.
- You are the salt of the earth, he says. You are the light of the world.
- If you follow Jesus and you're willing to say the things that he wants us to say, if you're willing to be persecuted for his sake, you are salt and you are light.

2 The Way of the Heart

Matthew 5:17–6:18; Colossians 3:15; 1 Timothy 1:9

- Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have not come to abolish them, but to fulfill them.
- The way of the kingdom is the way of the heart. It is a heart that is desirous of the will of the Lord, of accomplishing his purposes, not just keeping some rules and laws.
- You can keep some rules and laws and yet still be very far from the heart of Jesus' vision.
- The better question is my heart right in what I'm doing? Am I acting in a way that's actually going to please Jesus?
- The child of God does not practice righteousness to be seen and praised by others, but to seek to please and connect with God the Father and be like Him.
- The point there is the intent is what matters, not that people see what I'm doing and praise me for it.

3 Priority: What Is Most Important

Matthew 6:19–7:29; Galatians 6:1

- For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. This is the most important thing.
- So kingdom priority leads to the right kinds of relationships with others. Treat others the way you want to be treated.
- His point here is the hypocrisy of not clearing my own eye first before I start telling somebody else they've got problems with theirs.
- If we will build on the foundation of Jesus and His words, He promises us that our house will stand.

THE CHALLENGE

That your heart is convicted to follow him and do what he says, and to give your life to him, and to be a part of his kingdom.

MY NOTES
