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THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

The
Story of **God**
Bible Commentary

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“The history of the impact of the Sermon on the Mount can largely be described in terms of an attempt to domesticate everything in it that is shocking, demanding, and uncompromising, and render it harmless.”

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The Gospel of Matthew

Chapters 1 & 2 – Stories about Baby Jesus

Chapter 3:1-4:11 – Jesus's baptism and preparation

Chapter 4:12-25 – Jesus starts his ministry

Chapters 5-7 – Sermon on the Mount

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Jesus's invitation into the Kingdom.

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- 5 Blessed are the meek,
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- 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,
for they will be filled.
- 7 Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Matthew 5:5-7 (NIV)

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because
of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:8-10 (NIV)

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:11-12 (NIV)

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Ben Sira 25:7-8 (NRSV)

⁹ [blessed] is the one who finds a friend, and [blessed is] the one who speaks to attentive listeners. ¹⁰ How great is the one who finds wisdom! But none is superior to the one who fears the Lord. ¹¹ Fear of the Lord surpasses everything; to whom can we compare the one who has it?

Ben Sira 25:9-11 (NRSV)

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