



Jesus had this way of attracting the attention of his audience

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

MATTHEW 5,6 & 7

BEING BLESSED

Who does Jesus say is blessed in the Sermon on the Mount?

Chapter 5

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What is Jesus teaching about FORGIVENESS in the Sermon on the Mount?

5:23-26

5:43-46

6:12

6:14-15

7:1-5

What are the main topics discussed by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount?

about

5:3-12	5:21-26	5:27-30
5:31-32	5:33-37	5:38-42
5:43-48	6:2-4	6:5-15

6:16-18	6:19-21	6:25-34
7:1-5	7:7-12	7:13-20
7:21-23		

BRIEF NOTE ON THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Contents of the Sermon on the Mount The Sermon on the Mount opens with the beatitudes (5:3-12) and moves on to describe the function of Jesus' disciples (5:13-16). From there Jesus explained His interpretation of the law (5:17-48) and certain acts of righteousness (6:1-18), described the attitudes required of His disciples (6:19-7:12), and invited the listeners to become and continue as His disciples (7:13-27).

This seems to be a deliberate collection of Jesus' sayings probably made by the author of the Gospel of St Matthew. The teaching is systematic and highly concentrated. There are similarities with the Old Testament picture of Moses here. In the Old Testament the law is delivered to the people from a mountain. Does the author of the gospel see Jesus as a giver of new law?

The sermon was probably used by the early Christian Church for the purpose of teaching. It gave carefully considered Christian attitudes on issues which would have been familiar to a congregation that had its original roots in Judaism. The teaching though is also revolutionary, very different from anything that had gone before it. If the words themselves were not those of Jesus, the sentiments and ideas expressed were probably taken from his teaching.

Relevance

Jesus spoke on ethical issues which have great relevance even today. murder, anger, lust, adultery, attitude towards people who we call enemies.

It gives fundamental Christian teaching eg the Lord's prayer – how and when to pray – rules about fasting and giving money. It talks about stewardship, justice and Christian values. Jesus' audience must have found the beatitudes hard to take and a modern Christian congregation might also balk at some of the verses.