



SERMON ON THE MOUNT

1. Clearly Jesus would have preached sermons on a number of occasions, but there would not have been anyone there writing down the words.
2. St Matthew records in chapters 5, 6 and 7 of his gospel the Sermon on the Mount. He is the only gospel writer to produce such a long sermon and to some extent he may have been influenced by the fact that Moses gave the Israelite people much of God's teaching on Mount Sinai years before. Exodus 20.
3. St Luke records a Sermon on the Plain Luke 6:17-49. While it contains some of the teaching found in Matthew's Sermon on the Mount, it is much shorter and less impressive.
4. The Sermon on the Mount is full of short memorable sayings in verse.
*Blessed are the poor in spirit
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven*
 These are blessings - usually called beatitudes.
5. In the sermon, Jesus goes out of his way to build on what the Israelite law said, but shows that his followers will be expected to see its full meaning Matt 5:21-48

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Murder	ought to include	Anger, hatred even insulting people.
love	ought to be extended to	Friends but also enemies

6. Jesus taught his followers a special prayer in Matthew 6:9-13.
7. Other subjects talked about by Jesus are prayer, giving money (almsgiving), fasting Matt 6:1-18. Passing judgement on others Matt 7:1-6. Not getting *stressed out* Matt 6:19-29.
8. The sermon ends with a special parable
 Matt 7:24-29.



'Next time make the sermon funny'