



Logos Class – Gospel of Matthew

On-Campus and Zoom class for August 21, 2022

Chapters 5B - Sermon on the Mount Part 1

Our next few weeks ...

- ✓ *Aug 21, 2022 – Matt Ch 5B*
- ✓ *Aug 28, 2022 – Matt Ch 5C&6A*
- *Sept 4, 2022 – Matt Ch 6B & 7*
- *Sept 11, 2022 – **Linda Stewart** teaching (Bus Trip)*
- *Sept 18, 2022 - **Bill Minor** teaching (Sanibel)*
- *Sept 25, 2022 - **Bill Minor** teaching (Sanibel)*
- *Oct 2, 2022 – **Rick Head** teaching (we will be back)*

Before we start back in Matthew...

I sent you an article on the 10 Lies that Christians Believe

1. *"The spiritually inclusive idea that 'having faith matters more than what faith you have'"*
2. *"All faiths are of equal value"*
3. *"Belief in the Eastern religious concept of karma"*
4. *"The dismissal of absolute truth"*
5. *"Commitment to personal, subjective morality"*
6. *"The idea that people are basically good"*
7. *"Success is determined by happiness, comfort, goodness, or fulfilled potential"*
8. *"Sexual relations apart from marriage are morally acceptable"*
9. *"Rejection of the notion that people are inherently sinful"*
10. *"The purpose of accumulated personal wealth is unrelated to God's purposes"*

These Beliefs come from either...

- ***Biblically Illiteracy, or***
 - *People don't read and study their Bible*
 - *Churches are not preaching and teaching the Bible*
 - *Doctrinal studies are 'boring and not taught'*
- ***Willful disregard for Scriptural Truth***
 - *For many in society, the things of God are not important personally*
 - *I don't know and I don't care what the Bible says...*

What is our response as Christians...To Christians?

- Know your audience...is their idea from Ignorance or Disregard?
- **If Ignorance**, then scripture is the best teacher, be prepared to respond
- We are to be Salt and Light...preserve and illuminate, and pray for the Holy Spirit to move and change hearts
- **If Willful Disregard**, then calmly discuss they are being blinded and deceived by culture and need to reconsider the claims and truth of scripture. Tell them you are available to talk with them about your own experience.

The Sermon on the Mount (According to Matthew)



Topic/ Pericope	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Occasion of the Sermon	<u>4:24-5:2</u>	3:7-13a	6:17-20a	
The Beatitudes	<u>5:3-12</u>		6:20b-23	
The Salt of the Earth	<u>5:13</u>	9:49-50	14:34-35	
The Light of the World	<u>5:14-16</u>	4:21	8:16	
On the Law and the Prophets	<u>5:17-20</u>		16:16-17	
On Murder and Anger	<u>5:21-26</u>	9:43-48	12:57-59	
On Adultery and Divorce	<u>5:27-32</u>		16:18	
On Swearing and Oaths	<u>5:33-37</u>			
On Retaliation	<u>5:38-42</u>		6:29-30	
On Love of One's Enemies	<u>5:43-48</u>		6:27-28 6:32-36	

Chapter 5 references

A quick recap of last week...

- *Salt and Light*
- *Law and the Prophets*
- *Murder and Anger*
- *Righteousness surpassing the Pharisees*

Remember – Christ is teaching a coming change from the Old Covenant to a New Covenant

New Covenant is not really New... Jeremiah 31:27-33

²⁷ *“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will plant the kingdoms of Israel and Judah with the offspring of people and of animals.*

²⁸ *Just as I watched over them to uproot and tear down, and to overthrow, destroy and bring disaster, **so I will watch over them to build and to plant**,” declares the Lord.*

²⁹ *“In those days people will no longer say,*

*‘The **parents** have eaten sour grapes,
and the **children’s** teeth are set on edge.’*

³⁰ *Instead, everyone will die for their own sin; **whoever eats sour grapes—their own teeth will be set on edge.***

³¹ *“The days are coming,” declares the Lord,
“**when I will make a new covenant** with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.*

³² *It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord.*

³³ *“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord.
“**I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.**
I will be their God, and they will be my people.*

Matt 5:27-30. Adultery

²⁷ *“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’*

²⁸ **But I tell you** *that anyone who **looks** at a woman **lustfully** has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*

²⁹ *If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into **hell.***

³⁰ *And if your right-hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into **hell.***

Two very divisive areas of modern life...**Divorce and Remarriage**

³¹ *“It has been said, ‘**Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.**’ (Deut 24:1)*

³² *But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, **except for sexual immorality**, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.*

***Not a complete Biblical teaching.** It is directed to a common practice of the Jews that created a situation where the marriage was not recognized **by God** as having ended.*

Remarriage due to the death of a spouse is Biblically accepted, but other than that there are cautions.

Matt 5:33-37

*...a discussion of **Oaths***

- *Why do people swear oaths (other than in the courtroom or legal proceedings)?*
- *What does it say about their credibility?*
 - ...Or their truthfulness?*
 - ...Or their believability?*
- *In today's headlines, there is a pervasive lack of trust in Government, politicians, and even our organizations like the IRS, DOJ, and FBI...even the Armed Forces of the US*

33 “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’

34 **But I tell you,** do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne;

35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King.

36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black.

37 All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

Matt 5: 38-42 *Proportional Response*

Eye for Eye

38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ (Exodus 21:24; Lev. 24:20; Deut. 19:21)

39 But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.

40 And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well.

41 If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.

42 Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

Proverbs 25:21-22 Treating Enemies w/ Kindness

*²¹ If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat;
if he is thirsty, give him water to drink.*

*²² In doing this, you will heap burning coals on
his head,
and the LORD will reward you.*

*These verses directly relate to the next verses in
Matthew.*

Matt 5: 43-48. Loving your enemies

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ (Lev. 19:18)

44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

45 that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

46 If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?

47 And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?

48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Luke Ch 6:27-36 *Parallel Scripture*

*27 “But to you who are listening I say: **Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,***

*28 **bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.***

*29 **If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them.***

*30 **Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.***

*31 **Do to others as you would have them do to you.***

*32 “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? **Even sinners love those who love them.***

*33 And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? **Even sinners** do that.*

*34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? **Even sinners** lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full.*

*35 But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be **children of the Most High** because he is **kind to the ungrateful and wicked.***

36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Matt Ch 6:1-4 *Giving to the Needy*

6 *“Be careful not to **practice your righteousness** in front of others **to be seen by them**. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.*

2 *“So when you give to the needy, **do not announce it with trumpets**, as the **hypocrites** do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. **Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.***

3 *But when you give to the needy, **do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,***

4 *so that your giving may be in secret. **Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.***

Finally...

Please come back, read through Chapters 6 & 7, and Pray for:

- *Our country and its leaders*
- *Our State, County, and their leaders*
- ***Our schools, teachers, students, and parents as school has begun***
- *Our Pastor and Staff and our security teams*
- ***Our Pro-life ministries like Whispering Hope***
- *All the members of this class and the prayer requests*
- *Pray for yourself, that you will come closer to the Lord and follow His plan for your life*