

## The King's Kingdom Manifesto

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In the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5-7), the King's Manifesto for His Kingdom, King Jesus reveals seven difficult truths about His Kingdom.

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## Pre-sermon Comments

### **Ecclesiastes 1:9 LSB**

<sup>9</sup> That which has been is that which will be, And that which has been done is that which will be done. So there is nothing new under the sun.

[Genesis 6:5](#) (LSB) <sup>5</sup> Then Yahweh saw that the evil of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

### **2 Timothy 3:1 LSB**

<sup>1</sup> But know this, that in the last days difficult times will come.

### **2 Timothy 3:2-5 LSB**

<sup>2</sup> For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, without gentleness, without love for good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup> holding to a form of godliness, but having denied its power. Keep away from such men as these.

[1 John 5:19](#) (LSB) <sup>19</sup> We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

[2 Corinthians 4:4](#) (LSB) <sup>4</sup> in whose case the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Everything Jesus Christ taught was contrary to common sense. Not one thing in the Sermon on the Mount is common sense. The basis of Christianity is neither common sense nor rationalism. **Oswald Chambers**

[James 3:17](#) (LSB) <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruits, without doubting, without hypocrisy.

[James 3:15](#) (LSB) <sup>15</sup> This wisdom is not coming down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic.

No one can really live the Sermon on the Mount until they are born again; the Sermon on the Mount is impossible to the natural man or woman. **David Martyn Lloyd-Jones**

Despite the claims of some, the Sermon on the Mount is not a statement of ethics, but a sermon on salvation. Trying to apply the principles in this sermon apart from regeneration is futile. **John F. MacArthur**

The theme of the Sermon on the Mount is the nature of the kingdom of heaven and the kind of life required of those who desire to become a part of it. **James Montgomery Boice**

## Sermon Text

### **Matthew 5:17–20** LSB

<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup> “For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> “Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others *to do* the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> “For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses *that* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

## Review

### **2 Samuel 7:16** LSB

<sup>16</sup> “And your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.””

#### **Matthew 1:16 LSB**

<sup>16</sup> And Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

[Matthew 1:18](#) (LSB) <sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.

[Matthew 1:20](#) (LSB) <sup>20</sup> But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the One who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.”

[Matthew 1:25](#) (LSB) <sup>25</sup> but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.

#### **Matthew 2:1 LSB**

<sup>1</sup> Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,

[Matthew 2:19–20](#) (LSB) <sup>19</sup> But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, <sup>20</sup> “Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child’s life are dead.”

#### **Matthew 3:1–2 LSB**

<sup>1</sup> Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

[Matthew 3:16–17](#) (LSB) <sup>16</sup> And after being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove *and* coming upon Him, <sup>17</sup> and behold, there was a voice out of the heavens saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”

#### **Matthew 4:1–3 LSB**

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became

hungry. <sup>3</sup> And the tempter came and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”

**Matthew 4:8-9 LSB**

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; <sup>9</sup> and he said to Him, “All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me.”

**Matthew 4:10 LSB**

<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Go, Satan! For it is written, ‘YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.’”

**Matthew 4:12 LSB**

<sup>12</sup> Now when *Jesus* heard that John had been taken into custody, He departed into Galilee;

**Matthew 4:17 LSB**

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

**Matthew 4:23 LSB**

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.

**Matthew 4:25 LSB**

<sup>25</sup> And large crowds followed Him from Galilee and the Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and *from* beyond the Jordan.

## Proposition and Outline

In the Sermon on the Mount ([Matt 5-7](#)), the King’s Manifesto for His Kingdom, King Jesus reveals seven difficult truths about His Kingdom. King Jesus reveals:

His Holy Purpose for His Kingdom Citizens ([Matt 5:1-12](#))

His Holy Call to Become His Kingdom Citizens ([Matt 5:13-16](#))

His Holy Standard for His Kingdom Citizens ([Matt 5:17-48](#))

His Holy Standard of Kingdom Righteousness ([Matt 6:1-7:12](#))

His Holy Standard for Entry ([Matt 7:13-14](#))

His Holy Warning Against False Converts ([Matt 7:15-23](#))

His Holy Wisdom for Righteous Living ([Matt 7:24-27](#))

Matthew Gives the Crowd's Response to the King's Manifesto ([Matt 7:28-29](#))

## King Jesus Reveals His Holy Purpose for His Kingdom Citizens ([Matt 5:1-12](#))

### **Matthew 5:1 LSB**

<sup>1</sup> Now when Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

[Matthew 5:3-12](#) (LSB) <sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup> Blessed are the lowly, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when *people* insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. <sup>12</sup> “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

[Matthew 5:10](#) (LSB) <sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

## King Jesus Reveals His Holy Call to Become His Kingdom Citizens ([Matt 5:13-16](#))

### **Matthew 5:13 LSB**

<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty *again*? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out to be trampled under foot by men.

**Matthew 5:14-15 LSB**

<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; <sup>15</sup> nor does *anyone* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

**Matthew 5:16 LSB**

<sup>16</sup> “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

## King Jesus Reveals His Holy Standard for His Kingdom Citizens ([Matt 5:17-48](#))

**Matthew 5:17 LSB**

<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.

Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament by being its fulfillment. He did not simply teach it fully and exemplify it fully—He was it fully. He did not come simply to teach righteousness and to model righteousness; He came as divine righteousness. What He said and what He did reflected who He is. ~ John MacArthur

**Leviticus 19:2 LSB**

<sup>2</sup> “Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘You shall be holy, for I, Yahweh your God, am holy.

**John 1:1 LSB**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**John 1:14 LSB**

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Matthew 5:20 LSB**

<sup>20</sup> “For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses *that* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Only a belief in the necessity and the possibility of a new birth can keep us from reading the Sermon on the Mount with either foolish optimism or hopeless despair. ~ **John Stott**

The Sermon on the Mount is our doctor's medical advice, not our employer's job description. ~ **John Piper**

**Mark 2:17 LSB**

<sup>17</sup> And hearing *this*, Jesus said to them, “Those who are healthy do not have need for a physician, but *only* those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

**Ephesians 2:8–9 LSB**

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; <sup>9</sup> not of works, so that no one may boast.

## King Jesus Reveals His Holy Standard of Kingdom Righteousness ([Matt 6:1-7:12](#))

**Matthew 6:1 LSB**

<sup>1</sup> “Beware of doing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

**Luke 18:9–14 LSB**

<sup>9</sup> And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: <sup>10</sup> “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> “The Pharisee stood and was praying these things to himself: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> ‘I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’ <sup>13</sup> “But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his chest, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, the sinner!’ <sup>14</sup> “I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other, for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

## King Jesus Reveals the Holy Standard for

# Entry into the Kingdom ([Matt 7:13-14](#))

## **Matthew 7:13-14 LSB**

<sup>13</sup> “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. <sup>14</sup> “For the gate is narrow and the way is constricted that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

[Isaiah 64:6](#) (LSB) <sup>6</sup> For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, carry us away.

## **Romans 3:23 LSB**

<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

## **1 John 3:12 LSB**

<sup>12</sup> not as Cain, *who* was of the evil one and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother’s were righteous.

## **Genesis 4:3-5 LSB**

<sup>3</sup> So it happened in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to Yahweh of the fruit of the ground. <sup>4</sup> Abel, on his part, also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And Yahweh had regard for Abel and for his offering; <sup>5</sup> but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry, and his countenance fell.

## **Romans 3:24-26 LSB**

<sup>24</sup> being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; <sup>25</sup> whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith, for a demonstration of His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup> for the demonstration of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

# King Jesus Reveals His Holy Warning Against False Converts ([Matt 7:15-23](#))

## **Matthew 7:22-23 LSB**



<sup>22</sup> “Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, in Your name did we not prophesy, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name do many miracles?’ <sup>23</sup> “And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.’

## King Jesus Reveals His Holy Wisdom for Righteous Living ([Matt 7:24-27](#))

### **Matthew 7:24-27 LSB**

<sup>24</sup> “Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and does them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> “And the rain descended, and the rivers came, and the winds blew and fell against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup> “And everyone hearing these words of Mine and not doing them, may be compared to a foolish man who built his house on the sand. <sup>27</sup> “And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall.”

I would rather make bricks without straw than try to live the Sermon on the Mount in my own strength. ~ **David Martyn Lloyd-Jones**

The Sermon on the Mount is not a set of rules and regulations: it is a statement of the life we will live when the Holy Spirit is getting His way with us. ~ **Oswald Chambers**

## Conclusion:

The Sermon on the Mount shows us the absolute necessity of the new birth. ~ **James Montgomery Boice**

The Sermon on the Mount should be studied because it points to the Lord Jesus Christ. ~ **James Montgomery Boice**

We should study the Sermon on the Mount because it indicates the way to blessing for Christians. The Christian finds happiness, not in accordance with the world’s standards, but in accordance with these principles. ~ **James Montgomery Boice**

We study the Sermon on the Mount as Christians because it shows us the way to please our heavenly Father. It is true that we cannot please Him until we first become a member of His family. That comes only with the new birth. But once we are in His family, it is a privilege to please Him. ~ **James Montgomery Boice**

If the Holy Spirit has laid anything on your heart in the preaching of this sermon, please contact one of the leaders or speak to a mature Christian to answer your questions. I can be contacted at [brandon.phillips@gracegainesville.org](mailto:brandon.phillips@gracegainesville.org).