

KINGDOM LIFE

OUTRAGEOUS HOPE
FOR ORDINARY LIFE

A WORSHIP SERIES THROUGH
JESUS' SERMON ON THE MOUNT



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Matthew 9

⁹ As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

^{12b} “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”



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Matthew 4:23

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

Jesus the Teacher + Jesus the Healer = Jesus the Son of God



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Sermon on the Mount

Summary of the Kingdom Life Promise, Blessing and Practice
Chapters 5-7

Jesus and his Teaching > Moses and the Commandments

“The Sermon on the Mount is not a set of principles to be obeyed apart from identification with Jesus Christ...(it) is a statement of the life we will live when the Holy Spirit is getting his way with us.” — Oswald Chambers



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Beatitudes

“Blessedness” – Outrageous Adoration and Joy
Matthew 5:3-12

8 Beatitudes (“Blessed are ____”)
Inversion of Worldly Kingdom Wisdom



Matthew 5:1-3

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



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“Congratulations!”

“Good on you, mate”

Ultimate Flourishing – the way we were designed to live



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My Kingship

My Plans

I know what’s best for me and my kingdom.

I get angry, frustrated and depressed when my reign and plans are thwarted.

Others feel my wrath.

My Power

I am good enough and strong enough all by myself.

I don’t need that much “help”, certainly not as much as ____.

Jesus is my supplement.



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Revelation 3

¹⁷ “For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.



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Be Impeached
Give up my illusion of control

My Plans

I don't know what's best.
Forgive me for my rebellion.

My Power

I can't do it.
Forgive me for my pride.

The only qualification for Grace
is acknowledging we are disqualified



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John 19:19

Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.”

Jesus became poor so that, in him, we might be made rich.



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Christ the King

His Plans

He knows what is truly best.

Jeremiah 29:11-12

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. ¹² Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.

His Power

He is good enough and strong enough all in himself to do what is best as he carries me entirely.

Jesus is my King.

Jesus Plus Nothing



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Philippians 3:20-21

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

King-Now:
The Present Value of Jesus

King-To-Be:
When Heaven Fully Comes



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I can finally relax and begin living in the Peace of God.

I can breathe and enjoy, even in the midst of difficulty.

The amount that this isn't true of my real life is the amount I'm still holding onto my own kingship.

Proclamation and Celebration for what has taken place.

Invitation to Live right now as Princes and Princesses in His Kingdom

Invitation to Transformation; to enter his Kingdom under his Kingship.



