

“JESUS’ KINGDOM MANIFESTO”

BIG IDEA – As kingdom citizens we must experience true righteousness, practice true worship, and understand true judgment.

Part 1: Sermon on the Mount Overview (Matt. 5-7)

INTRO: Begin new series today that will take us past Easter. Last series, “Keys to a Blessed Life” studied the Beatitudes (5:1-16) in Matthew’s gospel. These 8 blessings announced by Jesus open the SOM (Chs. 5-7), longest recorded discourse of Jesus: Most loved, best known, least understood, hardest to obey. ORDER . . . This new series will take us through remaining SOM (5:17-7:29). Today, big picture overview:

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW – links OT and NT

- *Date / Author* – late 50’s by Matthew (Levi 9:9), a Jewish tax collector of Capernaum (10:3). He left everything to follow Christ (Matt. 9:9; Lk. 5:27-28). “The Chosen . . .”
- *Audience* – Mainly to Jews
- *Key Terms* – Kingdom (50), KOH (32), Law (15+), fulfilled (60+), righteousness vs. hypocrisy (false righteousness).
- *Purpose* – Present Jesus Christ as the complete fulfillment (60 plus) of promises concerning the Messiah-King. Matthew’s intent is to present the credentials/qualifications proving Jesus is the Messiah-King. He organizes his account (like a meticulous CPA) to present those proofs.
- *Qualifications* of the M-K – Look at Chs. 1-10

Chs. 1 – 2 *Arrival* of M-K (Announcement and Birth)

Ch. 1 – Legal, Royal Lineage, Ancestry

Ch. 2 – Prophetic (15+) – miraculous conception and birth

Ch 3 – *Approval* of M-K by John the Baptist and the Father at baptism

Ch 4 – *Attacker* of the M-K-His spiritual qualifications, opening ministry, calling disciples

Chs. 5-7 – *Axioms* – Theological, Principles – MANIFESTO!

Chs. 8-10 *Authority*. Power to do miracles and to forgive sin – authority over disease, demons, sin, nature, death

SOM (Chs. 5-7) – Theological credentials. Principles for His citizens to live by. Title of series? KINGDOM MANIFESTO. A manifesto is a public declaration of policy and aims, especially one issued before an election by a political party or candidate. Ex . . . BIG IDEA? As kingdom citizens we must experience true righteousness (Ch. 5), practice true worship (Ch. 6), and understand true judgment (Ch. 7).

OUTLINE SOM – Principles of the M-K:

Ch. 5 On True *Righteousness* (godliness) – matter of the heart. The man-made religions of this world never produce true righteousness.

vv. 1-16 *Defining* True Righteousness – Roots, Life, . . .

vv. 17-20 *Receiving* True Righteousness

vv. 21-48 *Living* True Righteousness

Ch. 6 On True *Worship*

vv. 1-4 in our Giving

vv. 5-18 in our Praying and Fasting

vv. 19-34 in our Investing and Trusting (Him over wealth)

Ch. 7 On True *Judgment*

vv. 1-5 Our Judgment of Ourselves

vv. 6-20 Our Judgment of Others

vv. 21-29 God’s Judgment of Us

CONC: As Messiah-King Jesus has a kingdom (now in hearts; later literally). Like any kingdom there must be citizens. The SOM are the principles given by the King on how He expects us to live in His kingdom – not easy, very challenging, impossible without Him and the Holy Spirit.

Challenge? Read SOM 3 Xs/week – 111 verses (10 min.)