



Series: Unexpected Messiah
Passage Matthew 5-7
Title: Unexpected Revolution
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Discussion Starter –Why do you think the “Sermon On The Mount” would have been an unexpected revolution to those who were hearing this message for the first time?

The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12)

- In what way was the “Sermon On The Mount” an answer to this command that both John the Baptist and Jesus preached... “Repent for Kingdom of God is at Hand”?
- What significance do you see if any, in the progression of each of the Beatitudes mentioned in these verses (1-12)? What do we have to do as Christians to attain these beatitudes?

Our Purpose In The World (Matthew 5:13-16)

- What should our purpose be as Christians if we are to be salt and light in this world, right now, during this Corona virus? What are some of the things you are reflecting on or acting on during this time to be more influential during this time?

The Authority of Scripture (Matthew 5:17-20)

- Why was it important for Jesus to include the authority of scripture in the “Sermon on the Mount? What does it mean that Christ came to fulfill the law? Read Psalm 1. What insights does this give us as to the authority of scripture?

Jesus Restores the True Intent of God’s Law (Matthew 5:21-48)

- Why was it necessary for Jesus to restore the true intent of God’s law? In what way are these verses still applicable for us as the Church today?

Authentic Spirituality (Matthew 6:1-18)

- Summarize in your own words what you think Jesus is conveying about authentic spirituality? What does un-authentic spirituality look like in today’s world?

Harmful Behaviors and Wise Behaviors (Matthew 6:19-7:6; 7:7-7:29)

- What do you see as the key differences between the harmful behaviors and the wise behaviors? Why do you think Jesus ends His “Sermon on the Mount” with these behaviors? How do these behaviors differ from the Beatitudes?