



The Life of Jesus

A CHRONOLOGICAL STUDY

Lesson 36: Sermon on the Mount – Part 1

Matthew 5-7

I. How have theologians viewed it?

- A. Augustine - Jesus is the fulfillment of the law
- B. Thomas Aquinas - Difference in commandments and counsel - SOTM is good counsel on how we should live
- C. Martin Luther - SOTM is to disciples/believers – following it is how to live a grace-filled life
- D. John Calvin - SOTM frees the law from the Pharisees and allows you to look at your heart
- E. Anabaptists – Defines ethical living – SOTM words of Jesus (No oaths, No military service, Share property)
- F. Dietrich Bonhoeffer - Cost of Discipleship

II. Three Sections of the Sermon

- A. Christology
- B. Eschatology
- C. Ecclesiology

III. Christology of the Sermon

- A. Two camps:
 - 1. Jesus fulfills the Law by giving us the true meaning
 - 2. Jesus is a new Moses in a New Covenant in an Age of Salvation – Isaiah 2:1-5; Jeremiah 31:31-34
- B. Why did we have to wait?

III. Eschatology of the Sermon

- A. Beatitudes: blessed “are”
- B. Father will reward you - 6:4 & v.18
- C. “Thy will be done”

IV. Ecclesiology of the Sermon

- A. What does this New Salvation Age community look like?
 - 1. “not hypocrites” & “not Pharisees”
 - 2. 5:16 – good works for God’s glory
 - 3. 5:20 – exceeding righteousness
 - 4. 7:16 – bearing good fruit
 - 5. 7:21 – doing the will of the Father
- B. There must be new conduct or...
 - 1. 5:20 - will never enter kingdom
 - 2. 7:13-14 - enter the narrow gate
 - 3. 7:21-23 - I never knew you/depart from me
 - 4. 7:24-27 - hears and doesn’t do
- C. How do you get blessed in this New Salvation Age? The Beatitudes
- D. 2 Big Objectives of the SOTM
 - 1. Mosaic Law isn’t adequate for the New Salvation Age - 5:21-48 - Anger? Lust? Adultery? Oaths? Turning cheek? Loving enemies?
 - 2. Shows us how to measure up

V. My Take Aways

- Christian ethics and how we should live have a clearer picture
- Remember the audience: His disciples - happens after He chose the 12
- Turning the other cheek and salt/light and Beatitudes come after Jewish/Herodian efforts to destroy Him

Questions? Comments? Thoughts?
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