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The Sermon on the Mount / The Beatitudes

✠ From the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew, who proclaimed life to the world. Let us listen to the proclamation of life and salvation for our souls. Mt 5:1-12

THE Apostle Matthew writes:

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

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

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted
for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because

of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

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The Praise of the Father / The Gentle Mastery of Christ

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Mt 11:25-30

THE Lord Jesus says:

“I give praise to you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for although you have hidden these things
from the wise and the learned
you have revealed them to the childlike.
Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.
All things have been handed over to me by my Father.
No one knows the Son except the Father,
and no one knows the Father except the Son
and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.
“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for your selves.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”
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The Gentle Mastery of Christ

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THE Lord Jesus says:

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your selves.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

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The Parable of the Ten Virgins

✠ From the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew, who proclaimed life to the world. Let us listen to the proclamation of life and salvation for our souls. Mt 25:1-13

THE Lord Jesus says:

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish and five were wise.

The foolish ones,

when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.

Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

At midnight, there was a cry,

‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish ones said to the wise,

‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’

But the wise ones replied,

‘No, for there may not be enough for us and you.

Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.’

While they went off to buy it,

the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him.

Then the door was locked.

Afterwards the other virgins came and said,

**'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!'
But he said in reply,
'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'
Therefore, stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour.'**

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The Conditions of Discipleship

✠ From the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew, who proclaimed life to the world. Let us listen to the proclamation of life and salvation for our souls. Mt 16:24-28

THE Lord Jesus says:
“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me.
For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.
What profit would there be for one to gain the whole
world
and forfeit his life?
Or what can one give in exchange for his life?
For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his
Father’s glory,
and then he will repay everyone according to his conduct.
Amen, I say to you,
there are some standing here who will not taste death
until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”
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Blessing of the Children

✠ From the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark, who proclaimed life to the world. Let us listen to the proclamation of life and salvation for our souls.

Mk 10:13-16

THE Evangelist Mark writes:

People were bringing children to Jesus that he might touch them,
but the disciples rebuked them.
When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them,
“Let the children come to me;
do not prevent them,
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.
Amen, I say to you,
whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.”
Then he embraced them and blessed them,
placing his hands on them.
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Need for Watchfulness

✠ From the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark, who proclaimed life to the world. Let us listen to the proclamation of life and salvation for our souls. Mk 13:32-37

THE Lord Jesus says:

“But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man traveling abroad.

He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.

Watch, therefore;

you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.

What I say to you, I say to all:

‘Watch!’ ”

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Raising of the Widow's Son

✠ From the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke, who proclaimed life to the world. Let us listen to the proclamation of life and salvation for our souls. Lk 7:11-16

THE Evangelist Luke writes:

Soon afterward Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain,

and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him.

As he drew near to the gate of the city,

a man who had died was being carried out,

the only son of his mother, and she was a widow.

A large crowd from the city was with her.

When the Lord saw her,

he was moved with pity for her and said to her,

“Do not weep.”

He stepped forward and touched the coffin;

at this the bearers halted, and he said,

“Young man, I tell you, arise!”

The dead man sat up and began to speak,

and Jesus gave him to his mother.

Fear seized them all,

and they glorified God, exclaiming,

“A great prophet has arisen in our midst,”

and “God has visited his people.”

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The Work of the Son

✠ From the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John, who proclaimed life to the world. Let us listen to the proclamation of life and salvation for our souls. Jn 5:21-29

THE Lord Jesus says:

“For just as the Father raises the dead and gives life, so also does the Son give life to whomever he wishes. Nor does the Father judge anyone, but he has given all judgment to his Son, so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father.

Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me

has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life.

Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to his Son the possession of life in himself.

And he gave him power to exercise judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

**Do not be amazed at this,
because the hour is coming in which
all who are in the tombs will hear his voice
and will come out,
those who have done good deeds
to the resurrection of life,
but those who have done wicked deeds
to the resurrection of condemnation.”**

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Witnesses to Jesus

✠ From the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John, who proclaimed life to the world. Let us listen to the proclamation of life and salvation for our souls.

Jn 6:35-40

THE Lord Jesus says:

“I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to me will never hunger,
and whoever believes in me will never thirst.
But I told you that although you have seen me,
you do not believe.
Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,
and I will not reject anyone who comes to me,
because I came down from heaven
not to do my own will
but the will of the one who sent me.
And this is the will of the one who sent me,
that I should not lose anything of what he gave me,
but that I should raise it on the last day.
For this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him
may have eternal life,
and I shall raise him on the last day.”

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The Raising of Lazarus

✠ From the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John, who proclaimed life to the world. Let us listen to the proclamation of life and salvation for our souls. Jn 11:21-27

THE Apostle John writes:

Martha said to Jesus,
“Lord, if you had been here,
my brother would not have died.
But even now I know that whatever you ask of God,
God will give you.”
Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise.”
Martha said to him,
“I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.”
Jesus told her,
“I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.
Do you believe this?”
She said to him,
“Yes, Lord.
I have come to believe that you are the Messiah,
the Son of God,
the one who is coming into the world.”
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The Coming of Jesus' Hour

✠ From the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John, who proclaimed life to the world. Let us listen to the proclamation of life and salvation for our souls. Jn 12:23-26

THE Lord Jesus says:
“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life loses it,
and whoever hates his life in this world
will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me,
and where I am, there also will my servant be.
The Father will honor whoever serves me.”

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Last Supper Discourses

✠ From the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John, who proclaimed life to the world. Let us listen to the proclamation of life and salvation for our souls. Jn 14:1-7

THE Lord Jesus says:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.
You have faith in God; have faith also in me.
In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.
If there were not,
would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place
for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come back again and take you to myself,
so that where I am you also may be.
Where I am going you know the way.”

Thomas said to him,
“Master, we do not know where you are going;
how can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him,
“I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
If you know me, then you will also know my Father.
From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

This is the Truth. Peace be with you.