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The Teachings of Jesus Christ • Message #1/5
{Selected Passages from the Five Discourses in Matthew}
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Building Our House on the Rock

1. The wise hear & do the words of Jesus:

building our storm-withstanding house on the rock

2. Hearing & doing the words of Jesus (examples from the Sermon on the Mount)

- Know & walk in the blessings of discipleship (the beatitudes, etc.)

- Be salt & light with an inner, life-transforming righteousness

- Embrace kingdom-driven, fruit-bearing discipleship

Excursus: The Five Discourses in Matthew

(Matthew structures his book around 5 different discourses/teachings by Jesus)

Sources: *Matthew* by D.A. Carson (EBC); “Introduction” to Matthew (ESV Study Bible & NIV Zondervan Study Bible); *Matthew* by Michael Wilkins (NIVAC); and “Matthew” by Robert Yarbrough (lecture notes from “Introduction to the New Testament”).

1. The Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5:1-7:29) [taught up on a hillside/mountainside]

- Teachings on Kingdom Living given to His disciples
- Some Highlights: the Beatitudes (blessed are the poor in spirit, etc.); Jesus fulfills the law of Moses; love your enemies; store up treasures in heaven; seek first the kingdom and righteousness of God; not judging others; the wise hear Jesus’ words and put them into practice, and they will not fall when the storms of life come, but will stand firm.

2. The Mission Mandate: Commissioning of the Disciples (Mt 10:1-42)

- Jesus Commissions the Twelve Apostles
- Some Highlights: instructions for their short-term mission to Israel (the Jews) and for their global (long term) mission to the whole world (the gentiles); acknowledging and pledging allegiance to Jesus’ Lordship (supremacy); the reward for receiving those who are sent out by Jesus.

3. The Parables of the Kingdom (Mt 13:1-58)

- The Mysteries of the Kingdom of God Revealed in Parables
- Some Highlights: The kingdom of God has been inaugurated and is advancing in ways that are hidden to unbelievers and seem small or insignificant in the eyes of the world (thru a crucified Messiah, the Word, etc.), but will culminate in a harvest of global victory at Christ’s Second Coming & the eternal glory of the coming age [includes parables of the sower/the soils; purpose for using the parables; parables of the wheat & weeds, the mustard seed, and that hidden things will be revealed].

4. Discipleship: Kingdom-Community Living for Believers (Mt 18:1-35)

- Characteristics of Christian living within the Community of Believers
- Some Highlights: a child as the greatest in the kingdom of heaven; God seeking the lost sheep; forgiving and confronting fellow believers who sin against us; and consequences of unforgiveness.

5. The Olivet Discourse: *Eschatological Teachings (Mt 24:1-25:46)

[*refers to the end of the age; this discourse was taught on the Mount of Olives]

- Jesus Teaches about the Sufferings of this Age and His Second Coming
- Some Highlights: sufferings throughout the world; sufferings for His disciples; preaching of the gospel to the whole world; warnings about false prophets/Christs; signs of His coming; parables about being ready; judgment at the end of the age and upon His return.