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Message Topic: **Sermon On The Mount – Salty & Bright Christians!**

Scripture Text: Matthew 5:1-16

1. The sermon on the mount is a message that Jesus preached to the multitudes as recorded in Matthew 5-7. It is basically telling the people how to be a Christian and the implications of being a Christian. There will be a real transformation in every area of our lives when we are saved in Jesus Christ.

2. The messages begins with the 8 Beatitudes of blessing. Being blessed is not about having more physical goods and just being happy about it. He is one blessed by God who has a personal relationship with God. The blessings are all spiritual blessings.

3. To be a Christian, one has to begin by being poor in spirit which is to know we are spiritually bankrupt and completely in sin like a poor beggar. Then we must mourn for our sins and be meek knowing by ourselves we cannot save ourselves. Finally we hunger and thirst for righteousness then are we truly saved in Christ who is our righteousness. As a Christian, we will learn to be merciful and be pure in heart with a right motive. We will preach the Gospel as a peacemaker and then stand up for Christ even in the midst of persecutions.

4. As a Christian, we are to be the salt of the world. We are to retard decay of sin and immorality. As salt, we are to put flavor by being a good influence to unbelievers. If we lose our saltiness, we are of no use to Christ.

5. We are to be light of the world to point people to Jesus Christ. The world is in sin and darkness. They need the light of Christ.