

Sermon Outline

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The People Christ Uses

When Jesus began to recruit followers, some of whom would become His Apostles, He had to redefine and redirect their focus, their way of thinking, and their concept of what it meant to serve God. If we, today, are to follow Him and become His soldiers in the spiritual warfare between God and Satan, we need to understand what Jesus expected of those who would choose to follow Him. The demands Jesus sets before us today are no different from those He set before those whom we read about in the Gospels.

God hasn't changed. The enemy at that time, Satan, is still the enemy today and the way he opposes God and tries to tempt and seduce those who think they want to follow Christ has not changed. Thus, if we want to know what Christ expects of those who would follow Him, we will find the answers in how He presented Himself and His message to those of the New Testament day. To get an insight into these matters, we take a glance at what is often called "The Sermon on the Mount" which Jesus addressed to His disciples.

I. THE PEOPLE UPON WHOM HE FOCUSED, "*THE MULTITUDES*" Matt. 5:1a

- A. Who They Were
- B. What They Were Doing
- C. Why They Behaved As They Did

II. THE PEOPLE WHO WOULD FOLLOW JESUS Matt. 5:1b-2

- A. Jesus Went Away To A Private Place of Preparation
- B. Jesus Called His Disciple Away From The Multitudes
 - 1. To a place of separation
 - 2. To prepare them to be sent back to be among the multitudes
- C. Jesus Began To Teach And Taught Them Continuously
- D. The Disciples — What Jesus Requires of Those Who Follow Him
 - 1. The character of disciples Matt. 5:3-12
 - 2. Their assignment Matt. 5:13-16
 - 3. Their attitude towards the teachings of the Old Testament Matt. 5:17-20
 - 4. How they are to respond to abuse from those of the world Matt. 5:38-48
 - 5. Who they are to please Matt. 6:1-4
 - 6. Their attitude towards the material things of this world Matt. 6:24-34
 - 7. Their recognition of God's requirements for salvation Matt. 7:13-27
 - 8. The disciples must continue to be teachable Matt. 6:5-12
 - 9. The price disciples must pay Matt. 16:21-28
 - a. His disciples must accept His mission Matt. 16:21-23
 - b. His disciples must die to self Matt. 16:24-28