



# The JESUS Series

The MODEL Man...

# Introduction...

- We will now change direction with regards our series on Jesus.
- We will follow the Gospels as they track the ministry and life of our Lord Jesus.
- One of the key things we will look at is the Gospel of the Kingdom according to Jesus.
- We will learn from what He said, preached and lived by.



# Introduction...



- Someone may ask why this series?
- The simple and accurate answer is that its all about HIM...!
- *<sup>2</sup> looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith....  
Hebrews 12:2*
- He is the Beginning and Ending of our faith and lives.
- He is the centre for all that we believe and live for.

# Introduction...

- We are also looking at Jesus because many in the Church have turned from the centrality of Christ.
- Rather than the heart and crux of what HE said, we have become focused on what He provides rather than Him.
- As a result, many have joined our Churches and have NOT met Him but only the IDEA of Him.
- There is a big difference between meeting a Lion and meeting a picture of a Lion.





# Introduction...

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- The aim of all good Bible Study is not to give you more information and knowledge. These are good things.
- The aim of true Bible study is to introduce You to a real Person called Jesus, not the concept or idea of Him.
- True Bible study is to make your Heart burn with His Presence and His Spirit.
- Not to fill your head with more 'stuff'.

# Grow Up...

- <sup>11</sup> And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,
- <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,
- <sup>13</sup> till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;
- <sup>14</sup> that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,
- <sup>15</sup> but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head— Christ— Ephesians 4:11-15



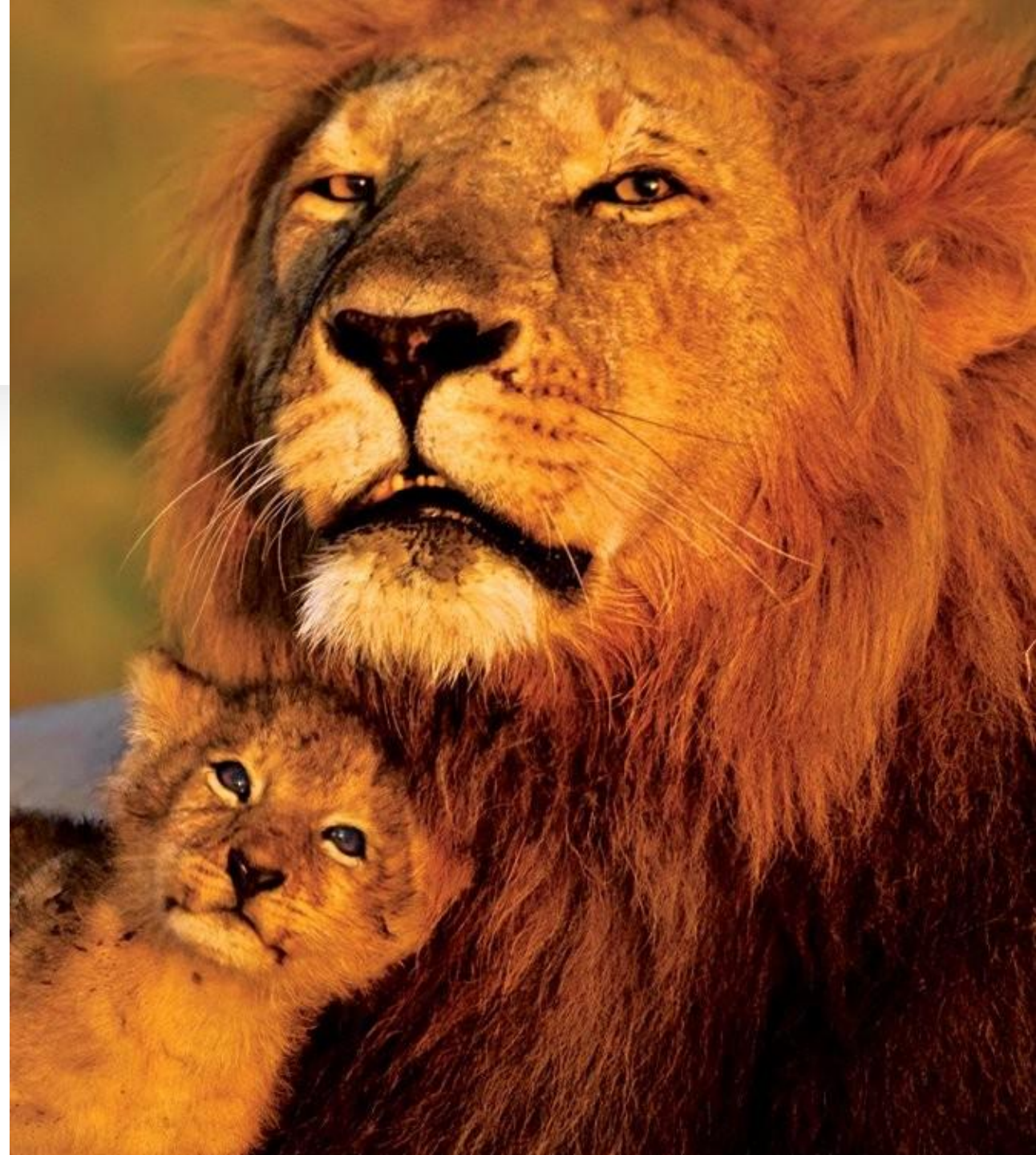
# Grow Up!

- *19 My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you Gal 4:19*
- i. e. literally, until a mind and life in complete harmony with the mind and life of Christ shall have been formed in you, Galatians 4:19. (Aratus, phaen. 375; Anth. 1, 33, 1; the Sept. Isaiah 44:18.)
- The Goal of the Gospel of Christ is to make us like Him



# Becoming....

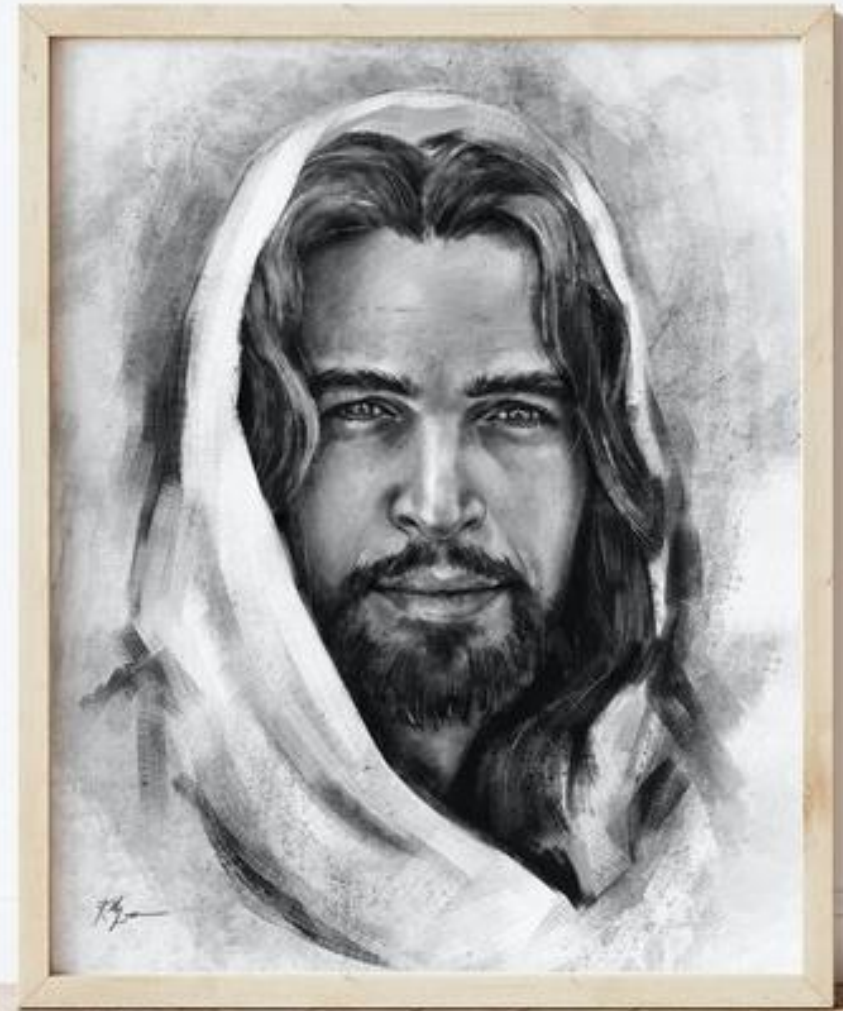
- *' 44 But I say to you, love [that is, unselfishly seek the best or higher good for] your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,*
- *45 so that you may [show yourselves to] **be the children of your Father** who is in heaven;*
- *48 You, therefore, will be perfect [growing into spiritual maturity both in mind and character,*
- *actively integrating godly values into your daily life], as your heavenly Father is perfect.*  
Matthew 5:44...





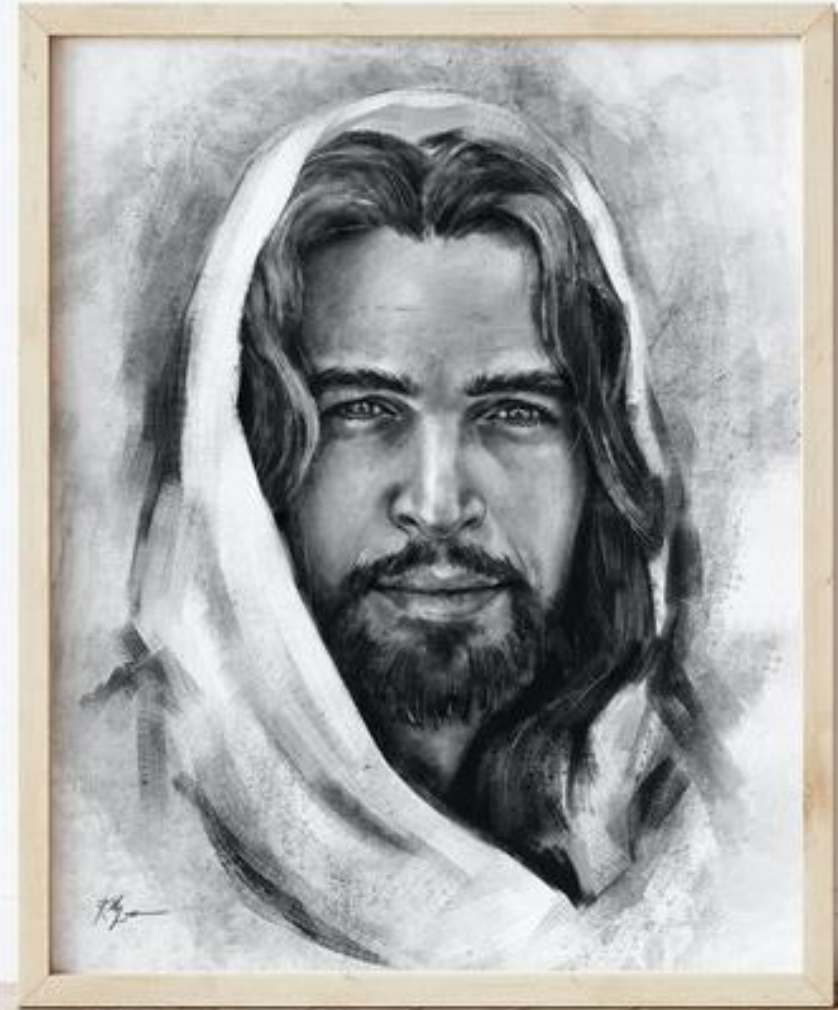
# The Sermon of Jesus...

- In the mountain teaching from Matthew 5, we find the core values of Jesus laid out.
- It would take us literally months to fully dissect the Lord's teachings as laid out here.
- We will therefore touch on some key themes running through the Sermon of Jesus as a window to His Person and how He wants us to live.
- What we are about to read, meditate on and digest is very important if you want to be a true follower of Christ.



# The BE - Attitudes

- *And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.*
- *<sup>2</sup> Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:*
- *<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*
- *<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn,  
For they shall be comforted.*
- *<sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek,  
For they shall inherit the [\[a\]](#)earth.*
- *<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
For they shall be filled.*
- *<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful,  
For they shall obtain mercy.*
- *<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart,  
For they shall see God.*
- *<sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers,  
For they shall be called sons of God.*
- *<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*



# On the Mount...

- *And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.*
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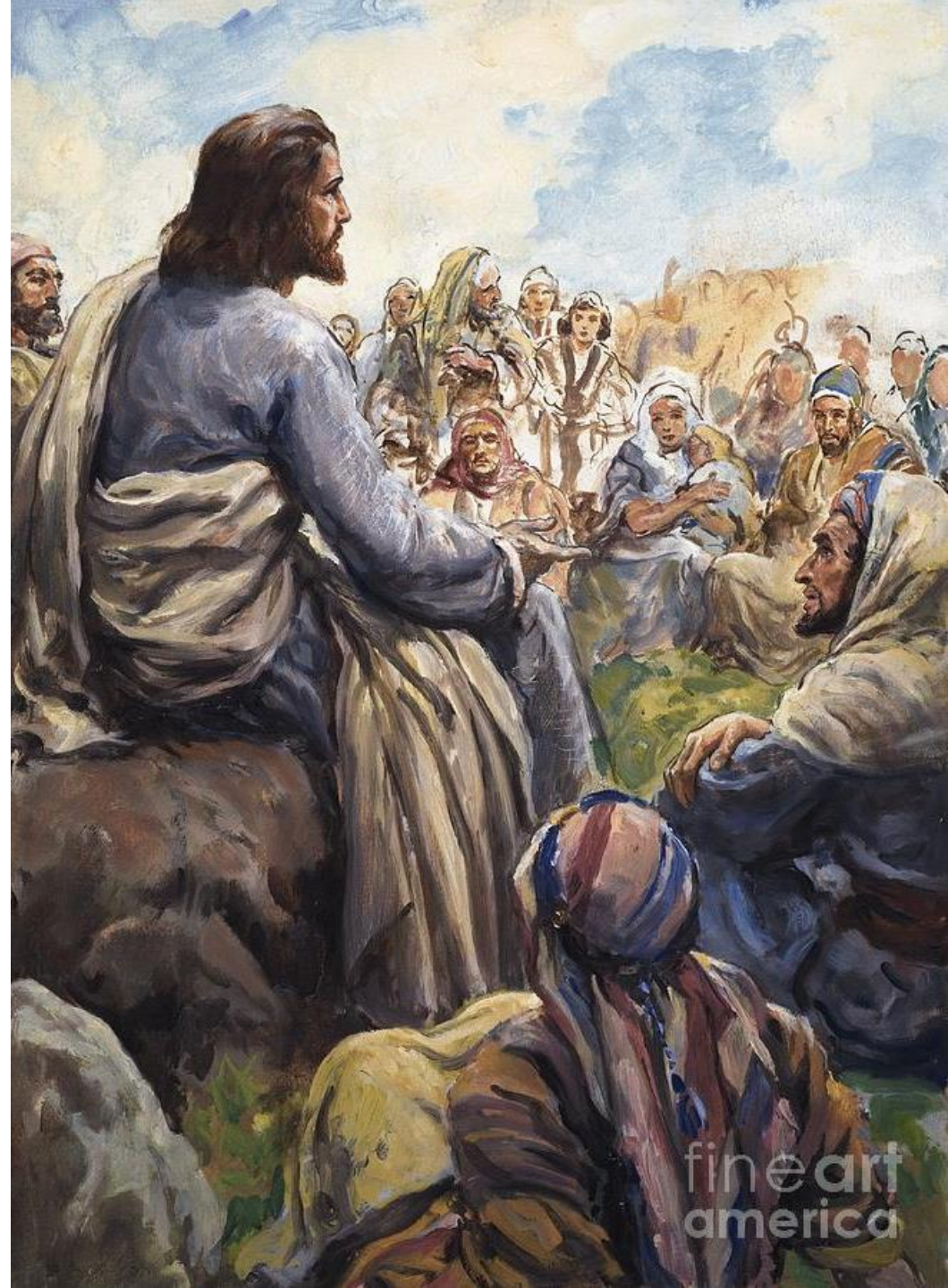
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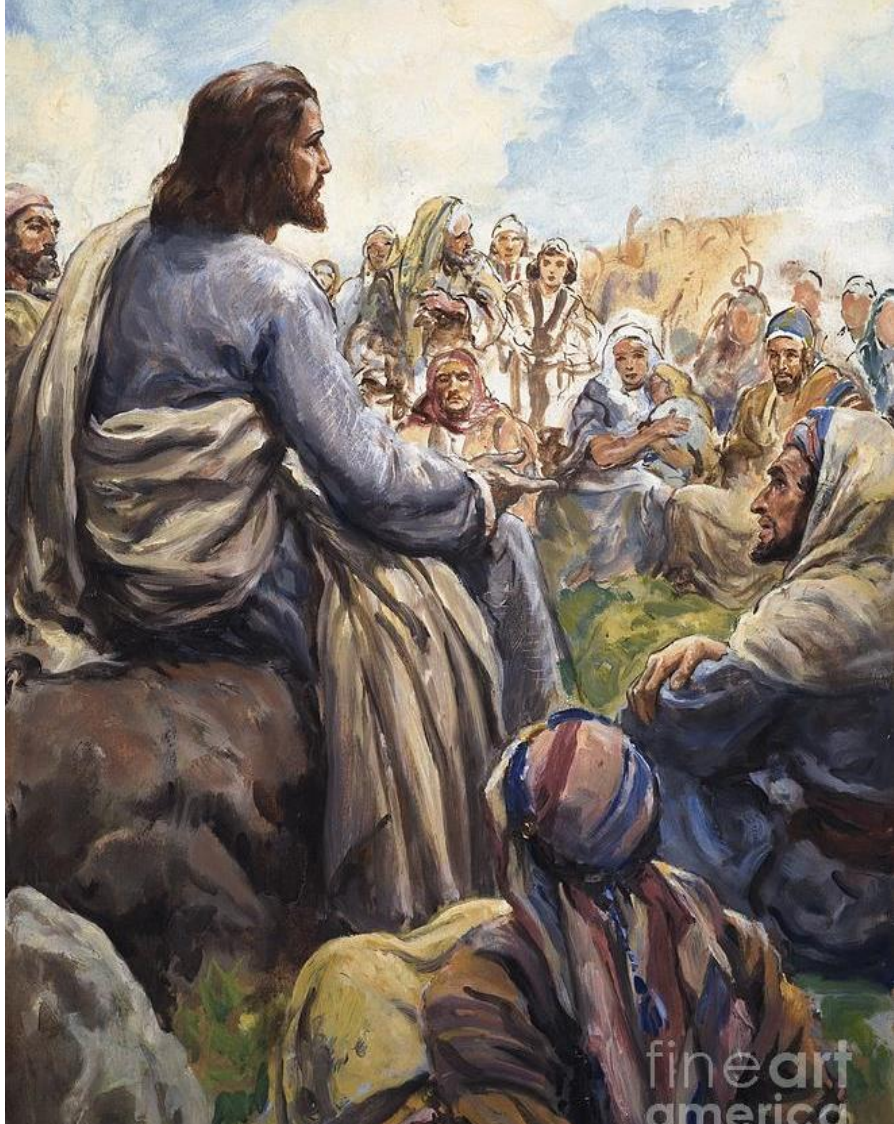
- **Seeing the multitudes...**
- Our heart and focus must be on the people God has sent us to reach.
- We must never lose sight of the mission and what is on the heart of God.
- Do you see....
- That person in your office needing your touch, your prayers, your ministry
- That beggar by the roadside to whom you need to give the money in your wallet
- That neighbour of yours who needs love more than a casual wave of the hand and surface greeting



# He went Up...

- To deliver Life to the people we are sent to, We need to GO UP!
- You need to climb up your own mountain to get what is needed for the people you are called to meet.
- The mountain is a metaphor for sacrifice and endurance.
- Think Mount Everest to visualise what is being said here.
- What obstacle do you need to overcome to become the vessel God wants you to be.





# Seated...

- There is a place for you to settle into which is your authority and identity.
- A King seats on a throne..
- We are seated with Him...
- It speaks of readiness after preparation
- Where are you called to seat?
- Where is the place of your authority and Grace from God?

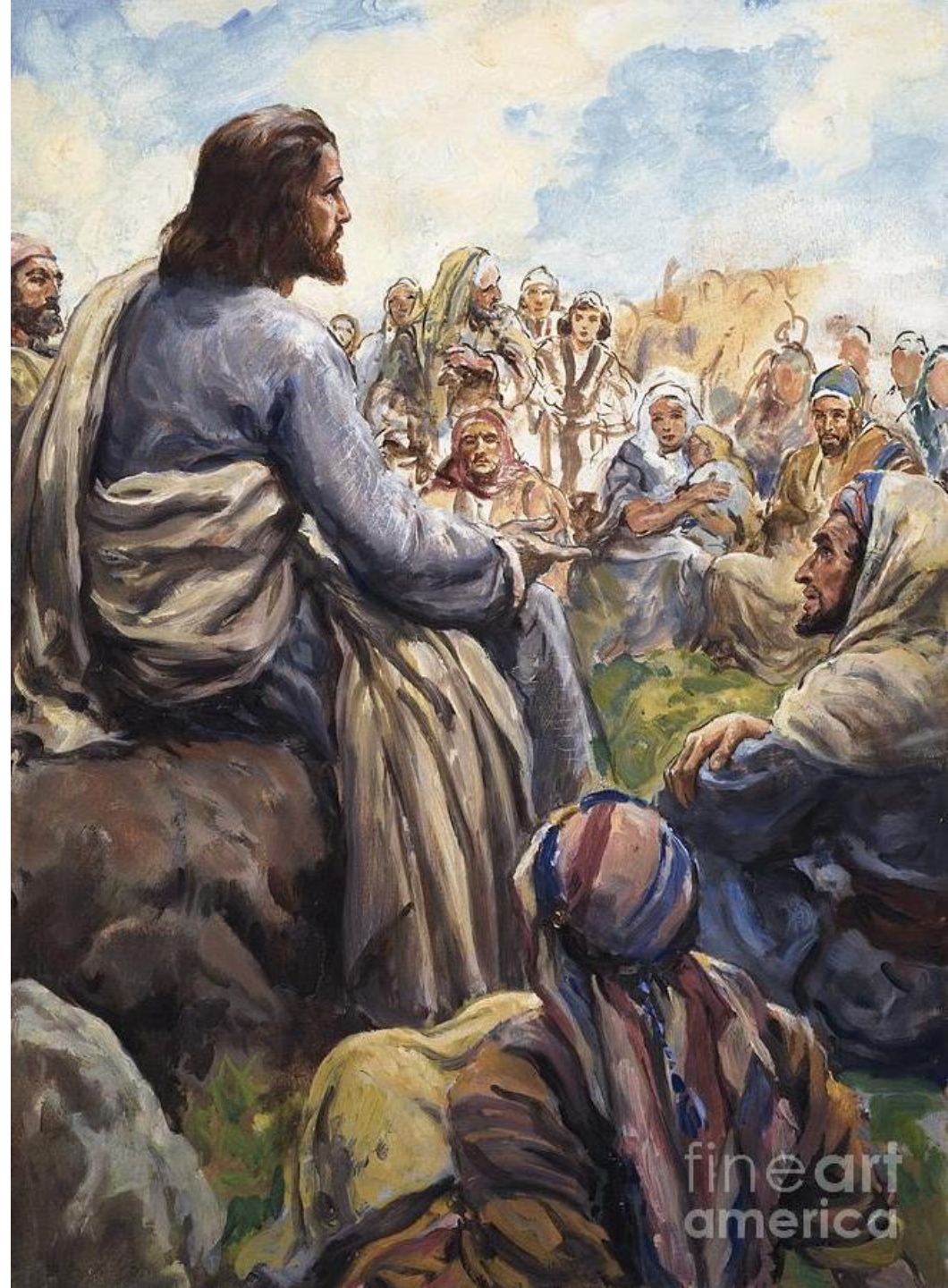
# His Disciples came...

- Your calling will find you just as your 'followers' will identify you.
- What do colleagues call you at work?
- Loved ones?
- Despite his troubles and afflictions, The Butler and Baker found Joseph in prison
- When you accept your true calling in life, destiny and identity will come to where you are seated
- The right people will come into your life.....



# Then...

- Then He opened His mouth
- There is a time to speak. There is a season in your life when all the lessons and values God has been forming in you need to come out.
- And taught them...
- You have a classroom.
- Every one of us have 'pupils'
- You are called to teach and transform another soul.
- Where is your classroom...?





# Blessed are...

- Jesus' list does not conform to many of the lists in our churches
- In modern Christianity, we have changed that list to
- Blessed are the – Married, the successful, the achievers, the educated, the homeowners, those with children, rich, the connected, powerful, materialistic, the talented.....



# Poor in Spirit...

- We all start here!
- We were all poor in spirit because of the SIN of Adam.
- Everyone on Earth who recognize their bankruptcy of righteousness can come.
- This does not discriminate between the high achiever or struggling soul, everyone on Earth before the arrival of the Saviour was poor in spirit.
- This humble recognition of the human condition is what makes us reach out and beg for forgiveness and a need for salvation.
- Then God can say, I will pour out my Spirit on ALL!



# Theirs is the Kingdom...

- The first and highest reward for our poverty is His reward of LIFE.
- That is why Jesus began to preach:
- *The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.*
- *The highest reward is eternal life with God in His Kingdom. We must never forget that or else, we will become distracted by God's blessings and the good things He provides.*



# Poor...

- “The kingdom of heaven is not given on the basis of race, earned merits, the military zeal and prowess of Zealots, or the wealth of a Zacchaeus.
- It is given to the poor, the despised publicans, the prostitutes, those who are so ‘poor’ they know they can offer nothing and do not try. They cry for mercy, and they alone are heard.”  
(Carson)



# Poor...

- The call to be **poor in spirit** is placed first for a reason, because it puts the subsequent beatitudes into perspective.
- They cannot be fulfilled by one's own strength, but only by a beggar's reliance on God's power.
- No one mourns until they are **poor in spirit**; no one is meek towards others until he has a humble view of himself.
- If you don't sense your own need and poverty, you will never hunger and thirst after righteousness; and if you have too high a view of yourself, you will find it difficult to be merciful to others.



# Mourners are Blessed

- Those who mourn deeply for the state of their spiritual levels
- Those who groan for the state of humanity
- These are those who truly see the state of humanity and the effects of sin on the heart of man
- **For they shall be comforted:** Those who **mourn** over their sin and their sinful condition are promised comfort. God allows this grief into our lives as a path, not as a destination.
- i. Those who **mourn** can know something special of God; the fellowship of His sufferings (Philippians 3:10), a closeness to the Man of Sorrows who was acquainted with grief (Isaiah 53:3).



# Mourners...

- These are not miserable people, but they carry a burden in their hearts constantly
- But when they come to God, He restores their soul according to the Psalmist
- The fellowship between you and God will deepen when He shares some of His heart with you for people.
- Those who go to God because they need Him to do something are still babies...



*Blessed  
who*

*all be comforted*

*Matthew 5*



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## The Submitted....

- Blessed are the 'meek' ....
- The Greek word translated meek needs further analysis
- The word means 'power under control' or to be angry but not exert vengeance.
- The ability to master ones carnal or natural impulses is a fruit of the Holy Spirit and is called self control.
- Those who allow their soul to be submitted to a higher cause or master, equates to the word MEEK



# The Meek...

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- . **Blessed are the meek:** It is impossible to translate this ancient Greek word *praus* (**meek**) with just one English word. It has the idea of the proper balance between anger and indifference, of a powerful personality properly controlled, and of humility.
- i. In the vocabulary of the ancient Greek language, the **meek** person was not passive or easily pushed around. The main idea behind the word “**meek**” was strength under control, like a strong stallion that was trained to do the job instead of running wild.



# The Meek...

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- To be **meek** means to show willingness to submit and work under proper authority. It also shows a willingness to disregard one's own "rights" and privileges.
- It is one thing for me to admit my own spiritual bankruptcy, but what if someone else does it for me? Do I react meekly? This **blessed** one is meek:
- They are meek before God; in that they submit to His will and conform to His Word.
- They are meek before men, in that they are strong — yet also humble, gentle, patient, and longsuffering.



# The Meek....

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- **For they shall inherit the earth:** We can only be **meek**, willing to control our desire for our rights and privileges because we are confident God watches out for us,
- that He will protect our cause. The promise “**they shall inherit the earth**” proves that God will not allow His **meek** ones to end up on the short end of the deal.
- i. “It looks as if they would be pushed out of the world, but they shall not be, ‘for they shall inherit the earth.’”
- The wolves devour the sheep, yet there are more sheep in the world than there are wolves, and the sheep, continue to multiply, and to feed in green pastures.”  
(Spurgeon)



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