

## Matthew Lesson 5

### The Gospel According to Matthew -- Chapter 5

Historical background: About 29 A.D., Jesus went to the area of Galilee. He was teaching, healing people, and even casting out demons. Many people were following him. These included his close disciples and many others. Jesus went to a mountainside and sat down. He was beginning to teach His disciples. The things Jesus taught are in Chapters 5, 6, and 7. Remember that Matthew was written to show the Jews (and us) that Jesus is the King they had been waiting for.

#### Vocabulary

- Blessed
- “Kingdom of Heaven”
- Meek
- Inherit
- Righteousness
- Merciful
- Persecuted
- Salt & Light
- The Law & the Prophets
- Reconcile
- Oath, vow, swear

#### Questions for Chapter 5:

- Why did crowds of people follow Jesus? Who else was with Jesus?
- Jesus is “Immanuel”, which means “God with us”. Who was Jesus teaching? [Think about all the people who might follow Jesus to hear what he had to say.]
- Jesus was talking to the “citizens of the Kingdom”. What did he say about being “blessed”?
- What is important about “salt”? What is important about “light”?
- What is the “Law and the Prophets”? Were the Law and Prophets done away with when Jesus came?
- What is Jesus especially teaching to about murder? Adultery? Divorce? Oaths? Retaliation? Loving your enemies? What are the heart issues in each of these?

