

The "First Step" We Can't Skip
Actual Jesus (Gospel of Matthew) – Part 22
Matthew 4:25–5:3

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²⁵ And many crowds followed Him from Galilee and Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and across the Jordan. ⁵ And He opened His mouth and began teaching² them, saying:
¹ And when He saw the crowds, He went up into the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples¹ came to Him.
³ "Blessed are³ the poor in spirit, because theirs is the kingdom of the heavens."

Pastor Phillips' ad hoc translation

Introduction:

I. The _____

A. Its _____

1. What *poor in spirit* _____: anything to do with _____
 - a. Wealth
 - b. Poverty
2. What *poor* _____
 - a. Not *penēs* (PEN-ace; *poor*)
 - b. ...but *ptōchos* (ptō-KHOCE; *poor*)
 - i. Meaning:
 - ii. Illustrations

(Exodus 23:11; Leviticus 19:10; Prov. 22:9; Isaiah 41:17; Luke 16:20-21)

B. Its _____ : Two Truths

1. ...in _____

(Deuteronomy 16:22; Psalm 11:5; Proverbs 6:16-19; Deuteronomy 4:24; Hebrews 12:29; Nahum 1:2; Matthew 3:11-12)

2. ...in _____

C. Being _____

1. Meaning

¹ Or *students*; and so, every occurrence.

² More literally, "and, having opened...He began teaching."

³ Or *Happy* are, or *How wonderful for...* And so every time in vv. 1-11.

2. Magnitude

3. Minefield

II. The _____

A. Conception

1. By _____: the opposite is *the _____ place to be*

(Proverbs 6:17; Isaiah 2:11–12, 17; Luke 18:14; James 4:6)

2. By _____: *poor in spirit* is the _____ place to be...

B. Connection

III. The _____

A. Its Prominence

B. Its Nature

1. _____

2. _____

3. Centered in _____

4. _____ over by _____

C. Its Entrance: John ____:3, 5, 8