

Series: Sermon on the Mount

Lesson: #1

Title: Come Unto the Person

Scripture: Matthew 5: 1, 2

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Matthew 5: 1: And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

As we begin this study, we will first take into account to whom the Lord Jesus Christ is speaking.

I. There is a difference between the multitudes and the Lord's disciples.

A. These verses in Luke tell us something about why the multitudes came.

The Lord's apostles and his disciples were those he speaks to and teaches in his sermon on the mount. The multitudes were those who came to him for fleshly, carnal reasons only.

Luke 6: 17: And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, AND a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him,

First, the multitudes came to hear him, not to believe on him. What is the difference? In the minds of the multitudes Christ Jesus was an unusually wise Man. Therefore they came to listen to him hoping to hear things he might say that would help them get ahead in their day-to-day dealings with men in the world tomorrow. Is that why you are coming?

Luke 6: 17...and to be healed of their diseases; 18: And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed.

Secondly, they came to be healed of him physically, not spiritually. Among the multitudes were some who claimed to be his disciples. So long as they received the gifts from him for their flesh they followed him. But they went back and followed him no more when he began to declare that unless they ate his flesh and drank his blood they had not life. His saying declared that it is the Person of Christ who is Salvation through his broken body and shed blood. (Jn 6: 53-66.) By leaving him, they proved they cared only for the news they could use for this life, the things that would make it easier on their flesh, but they had no use for the Person, Christ Jesus. Is this why you are coming?

Luke 6: 19: And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed *them* all.

Thirdly, some sought to touch him. When the woman with the issue of blood touched his garment, they had heard that he said, "Virtue went out of me." (Lk 8: 46.) Virtue has to do

with the power and wisdom which Christ is (I Cor 1: 24.) They could see with the carnal eye that Christ Jesus had power and wisdom like no other man for he healed people. So many who heard this appear to have wanted, not Christ who is the Power and Wisdom of God but they wanted power and wisdom apart from him.

He was a novelty, a cure for their flesh, like the waters of Bethesda (Jn 5: 2-4.)

Luke 6: 20: And HE lifted up HIS eyes on HIS disciples,

II. The Lord Jesus Christ separated himself from the multitudes by going up into a mountain and there he gathered his disciples to teach them.

Matthew 5: 1: And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain:

The majority of the time that our Lord prayed he went into a mountain away from the crowds. Here he is getting set to teach his disciples and, likewise, he separates from the multitudes into a mountain.

Lesson 1: We see a foreshadowing of what our Lord has done, and is, doing now. The Lord Jesus Christ has now ascended into his holy mountain, called Mt. Zion in heaven. **Hebrews 7: 26: For such an high priest became us, *who is* holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Psalm 24: 3: Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? 4: He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. 5: He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. 6: *This is* the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah. 7: Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. 8: *Who is* this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. 9: Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift *them* up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. 10: Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he *is* the King of glory. Selah.**

Lesson 2: From heavens glory he is doing two things as only our great High Priest can do. He everliveth to make intercession to God on behalf of his people (Heb 5; 1; Ro 8: 34; Heb 7: 25.) Also, he is teaching (making disciples) of his people through his gospel (Heb 5: 2; Eph 4: 10; Jn 6: 45.) Since Christ alone will receive the glory for teaching his redeemed he must teach them all. So do you know who came to him? **Mark 3: 13: And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth *unto him* whom HE would: and THEY came unto him.**

Application: If you would truly be a disciple--one taught of Christ--then follow after HIM. Not after carnal wisdom, not after physical healing, not after carnal power and wisdom--but HIM. Go to him in his holy mountain by prayer! And go to HIM to have HIM teach you of HIS works and of HIS ways!

Notice the difference between the multitude and his disciples. **Matthew 5: 1: And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto HIM.** No other reasons are given, no other motives, but HIM.

Psalm 78:1: <<Maschil of Asaph.>> Give ear, O my people, to my law: To the letter? Is that the law he speaks of? Is he saying search the scriptures to find practical ways to live and thereby find life in them? A sinner can go to those for the same reason the multitudes came yet never come to HIM. **Psalm 78:1: <<Maschil of Asaph.>> Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of MY MOUTH.**

This is the vast difference between the multitudes and his true disciples. **Matthew 5: 1:...his disciples came unto HIM.** And what does the Master do for those who come to HIM? **Matthew 5: 2: And HE opened HIS mouth, and [HE] taught them,**

Come Unto The Person, Christ Jesus the Lord of heaven and earth. He shall open his mouth and teach you.