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Matthew 4:18-5:2a

“The King’s Speech”

Who Is Speaking The Sermon On The Mount?—

- Yes: he is Jesus, who is a Teacher / Rabbi
- Prophet, Matthew 5:1—on the mountain like Moses (Exodus 19-24)
- The king!

The King

- Son of Abraham (Matthew 1:1; **Genesis 17:6**)
- Son of “**King David**” (Matthew 1:1, 6)
- “Where is the one who has been born **king** of the Jews?” (Matthew 2:2)
- A forerunner preparing the way of the King (Matthew 3:1ff; “the **kingdom** of heaven,” 3:2)
- The King is victorious in battle (Matthew 4:1ff; “the **kingdoms** of the world,” 4:8)
- “From that time on Jesus began to preach, ‘Repent, for the **kingdom of heaven** has come near.’ ” (Matthew 4:17).
- Gathers/calls disciples / citizens, “**king-like**” (Matthew 4:18ff)
- “Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming **the good news of the kingdom**, and healing every disease and sickness among the people” (Matthew 4:23).

The Sermon On The Mount (Matthew 5-7)

= “The King’s Speech”

= “The King’s Edict”

- = “The King’s Law / Rule”
- = Setting up a new administration
- = The values of the King’s Kingdom / heaven

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus is forming a new community, a new people, a “Kingdom People”

What Do “Kingdom People” Look Like?

- “Crowds” versus “disciples” –Matthew 5:2, people who listen to and learn from the King
- Are true to their word (Matthew 5:33-37)
- Love their enemies (Matthew 5:44)
- Give and pray in private (Matthew 6:2-6)
- Don’t worry / fret (Matthew 6:25ff)
- Seek first the King’s Kingdom (Matthew 6:33)

In short: to create a peculiar (odd, strange) people.

What Is The Purpose Of The King’s Peculiar People?

“You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:13-16).

1. The world / city is in view
2. To create a people who are “noticeable” (people “see”)
3. Focus on the “Father in heaven”

Challenges...