



# THE SERMON

*on the Mount*

*Treasure*

## The Sermon on the Mount Recap...

- Introduction to the Kingdom of God
  - The upside-down kingdom
  - Pivotal Statement: “Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven” – Matt 5:20
  - A new kind of righteousness... (2 motivational systems)
    1. Scribes & Pharisees: I obey, therefore I’m accepted
    2. The Gospel: I’m accepted, therefore I obey
  - Who is a good person?
  - Examining our motives (hidden vs public righteousness)
    - Pretending is useless
  - Jesus is not making new laws or fence laws – he is explaining God’s original intent

## Matthew 6:19-24

<sup>19</sup> “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>22</sup> “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, <sup>23</sup> but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

<sup>24</sup> “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.



# What is True Treasure?

## 1. A Heart Exposed

- Jesus turns his sermon to specifically pinpoint where the problem of the Scribes & Pharisees resides: The Heart!
- It is from our hearts that we act, speak and think
- Jesus is exposing what we give our lives to
- Our treasure is revealed by what we try and protect, secure, keep and what we talk about
  - “Deal breakers” reveal what we truly treasure
  - Time, energy and bank accounts reveal our treasure
- The absurdity of finding your security and happiness in the temporary rather than the eternal
- The disciples of Jesus find their security and joy in him
- Col 3:1-4

## Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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## 1. A Heart Exposed

## 2. Healthy Eyes

- What is a healthy eye?
  - Your eyes cannot focus on two things simultaneously
  - The eye of the disciple is healthy when it is focused on Jesus (Heb 12:2)
  - Jesus and Peter take a walk... on the water (Matt 14)
- What is an unhealthy eye?
  - An eye that is focused on anything else but Jesus
  - Your eyes are the outlet for the covetousness in your heart to come out
- What you treasure affects how you see life – it affects your ability to judge value and worth

## What is True Treasure?

### 1. A Heart Exposed

### 2. Healthy Eyes

### 3. One Master

- Jesus makes his point very clear... You cannot have Jesus *and* \_\_\_\_\_ as your treasure
- We serve Jesus and use our resources for his glory rather than serve money and use Jesus to acquire what we truly treasure
- This is why Jesus says later that the gate is narrow – there's only room for you and Jesus!



## Dietrich Bonhoeffer – The Cost of Discipleship

“The life of the disciple can only be maintained so long as nothing is allowed to come between Christ and ourselves – neither the law, nor personal piety, nor even the world. The disciple always looks only to his master, not to Christ *and* the law, Christ *and* religion, Christ *and* the world. He avoids all such notions like the plague. Only by following Christ alone can he preserve a single eye. His eye rests wholly on the light that comes from Christ, and has no darkness or ambiguity in it... Thus the heart of the disciple must be set upon Christ alone.”



# What is True Treasure?

## 1. Where is your heart?

- Jesus has done a masterful job exposing the evil hearts of the Scribes & Pharisees and teaching his disciples what their hearts should look like
- What treasure are competing for your heart?
  - Money
  - Family
  - Toys/Leisure/Entertainment/Sports
  - Grades/Reputation
  - Work
  - Relationships/Sex
  - Fashion/clothing
  - Praise from others
- Are you willing to compromise your faith to get it?

## What is True Treasure?

### 1. Where is your heart?

### 2. A single focus

- It's amazing how we view life when our eyes are focused on Christ rather than the world
- Things that seemed important at one time in our life now seem insignificant
- Who is in control of your eyes?

## What is True Treasure?

1. Where is your heart?

2. A single focus

3. How do we grow?

- What do we do when Scripture shows us we are off course or acting out of character?
- Alignment – the Bible shows us where we are acting out of character with who Christ is shaping you to be
- The written word “cuts” as it shows us where we don’t measure up



## Hebrews 4:12-13

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.  
<sup>13</sup> And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account

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- BUT the Word Made Flesh (Jesus) intercedes on our behalf

## Colossians 1:19-23

<sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
<sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the  
blood of his cross. <sup>21</sup> And you, who once were alienated  
and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now  
reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to  
present you holy and blameless and above reproach  
before him, <sup>23</sup> if indeed you continue in the faith, stable  
and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that  
you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation  
under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.