

# Sermon on the Mount

Collective Worship

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The Sermon on the Mount is the name given to the teaching of Jesus found in Matthew's Gospel from Chapters 5 to 7.

Jesus speaks to the crowds from 'the mountain', often seen as a deliberate parallel to Moses who receives the 10 commandments on Mount Sinai.

The 'sermon' or teaching includes ethical guidance on interpreting and extending the commandments as well as the Golden Rule.

It begins with the Beatitudes - or blessings, rather than commandments. These offer a Christian vision for life.



# Beatitudes

*Blessed are* the poor in spirit, *for theirs is* the kingdom of heaven.

*Blessed are* those who mourn, *for they will* be comforted.

*Blessed are* the meek, *for they will* inherit the earth.

*Blessed are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, *for they will* be filled.



In the hearts of refugees,  
home isn't a memory but a  
promise, a beacon of light  
guiding them through the  
darkest hour.

For a refugee home is not just  
a place you go back to, it is a  
place you carry with you, in  
your heart, in your memories  
and in your dreams

Home is not just a  
destination, it is a feeling of  
safety, of belonging and of  
being cherished for who you  
are, wherever you may be.

Home is just not a place you  
come from, it is where you  
are heading to, where your  
dreams take flight and  
where your spirits find its  
wings.



# The Golden Rule in Different Spiritual Traditions

- In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. (Matthew 7.12)
- None of you has faith until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself. (Hadith according to Anas ibn Mālik)
- This is the sum of duty: do not do to others what would cause pain if done to you. (Mahabharata 5.1517)



# Reflection & Prayer

Merciful and compassionate God,  
bless all those who have had to flee  
as refugees from conflict and oppression:  
may they find safe sanctuary  
and a welcome home  
so that they with us can come to enjoy  
life in all its fullness. Amen.



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