

EXPERIENCE THE LAND AND THE BOOK
THE BEATITUDES: LESSONS BY A LAKE
MATTHEW 5



The Heart of the Matter

Jesus could not have picked a better place to sow seeds of faith than on the hill now called the Mount of Beatitudes. On a carpet of wildflowers and scrub, the people sat captivated, amazed at this Teacher. While rabbis of the day taught the finer points of Mosaic Law, Jesus's message touched the heart. The rabbis' endless, dusty rhetoric said little; Jesus's few words altered the way the people understood life. Jesus's words, ignited by the Spirit of God, still cut through the stuff of life and call us to live as God intends for us to live.



Discovering the Way

1. A Message You Won't Hear from Our Culture: *Blessedness*

Blessedness means more than being happy. It is ultimate well being, which only comes through sharing in the attitude of God's kingdom—a message you rarely hear today.

2. The Eight Attitudes of the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1–12)

The Beatitudes are divided into two groups of four. The first four deal with our attitudes toward God. The second four deal with our attitudes toward others.



Starting Your Journey

The eight beatitudes are not just attitudes; they are Christlike qualities. And though rarely seen in our culture today, all followers of Christ are called upon to adopt each one. When we do, and live them out, what an impact they make!



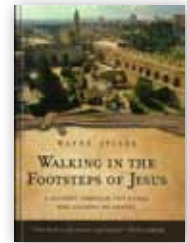
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