

# The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew Chapters 5-7



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“And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan. Seeing the crowds, he went up on a mountain and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.”  
Matthew 4:25-5:1









# The Crowds

- Kingdom of Heaven
  - Entrance into the Messiah's Kingdom
- Righteousness (right relationship/standing with God)
  - Pharisees vs. Jesus
- Heart
  - Internal not external

# The Beatitudes (5:2-11)

- Beatitudes – Latin for blessed
- The “who” and not the “how”
- Character sketch
- Shocking to the crowds

# The Beatitudes (5:2-11)

## World

Blessed are the self-confident,  
for they can accomplish  
anything.

Blessed are the excited for they  
are doing awesome.

Blessed are those who do what  
they have to do to win, for they  
are unstoppable.

## Beatitude

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

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

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



# Salt and Light (5:13-16)

The followers of Jesus should be like salt.

- Precious
- Preserving Influence

The followers of Jesus should be like light.

- Reflect the image of God (light receivers)
- “Let your light shine before others” (light givers)

**“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,” Isaiah 49:6**

# Christ came to fulfill the Law (5:17-20)

- 613 Laws in the Torah (Genesis-Deuteronomy)
- Attend the feasts
- Observe rituals of sacrifice
- *Observe traditions and interpretations of Scripture by the Pharisees*

Jesus provides 6 interpretations of the law (contrary to the Pharisees)

“You have heard that it was said.....But I say to you” (5:21-43)



# Prayer (6:5-14)

- How not to pray
  - Seen by others (Pharisees)
  - Heap up empty phrases (Gentiles)
- Jesus' Model of Prayer
  - Pray on our own
  - Lord's prayer

*Then he said, "Don't be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer." Daniel 10:12 NLT*

# Anxiety (6:25-34)

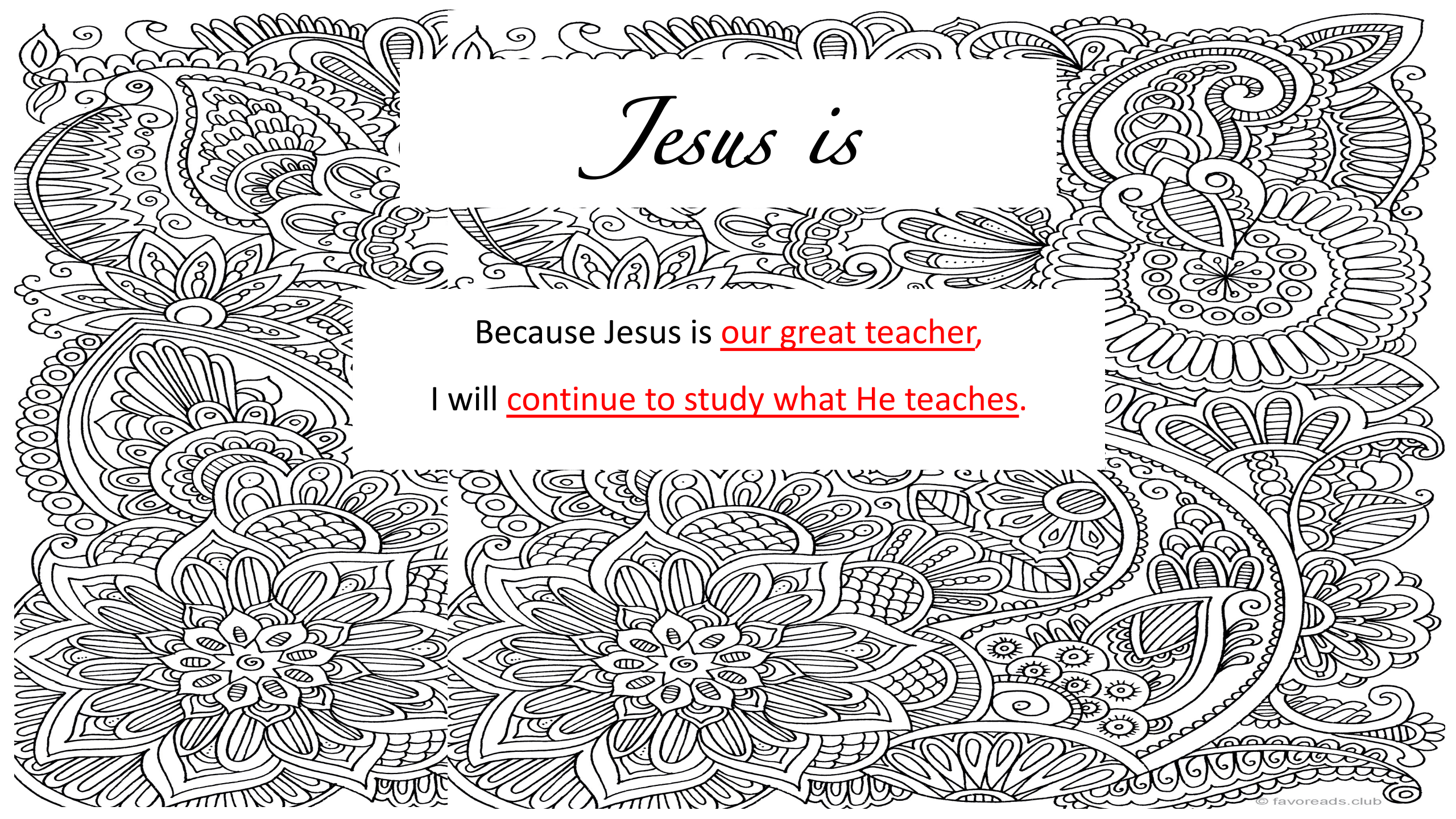
“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, not about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?” Matthew 6:25-26

*“Therefore I tell you, Cheryl, do not be anxious about the continued pandemic, your joint pain and RA and how that will affect your future, the incredible amount of hours Brad is working and his level of stress, Whitney getting her license and starting to drive on her own next week, Natalie’s well being, your 94 year old grandmother and parents, where Whitney and Natalie will go to college, live and work and when Brad will retire.”*



# The Crowds and Community

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# *Jesus is*

Because Jesus is our great teacher,

I will continue to study what He teaches.