Matthew Chapter 5

* Beginning of the Sermon on the Mount
	+ Largest collection of teachings from Jesus

5:2-12

* Beatitudes
	+ The prescription for spiritual happiness
* Not a list of things you have to be
	+ A list of good news
* God welcomes and blesses all even those pushed aside by society or disregarded
* Rome is a world that values power, wealth, and status
* Jesus’ kingdom is a “new world” turned on its head
* These blessings name the distressing consequences of Roman rule and promise God’s victory over it

5:7-12

* These five beatitudes bless the social actions of the alternative community
* Persecution is the inevitable action when the powerful elite are challenged

* Poor in spirit= those crushed by Roman rule
* Those who mourn= Sadness or oppression from roman rule (not necessarily death)
* meek= those who do not vie for power
* Hunger and thirst for righteousness= those cast out by the priests and pharisees who just want to draw close to God

5:13-16

* What is the difference between light shining and the actions of the heathens?
	+ Way of life
	+ Heathens search for praise from those around them
		- They make a scene and call attention to themselves
	+ Living as light means doing things without calling attention to yourself
		- Light sometimes goes unnoticed
		- Light draws attention through its glow in the night as opposed to screaming for attention
		- Light helps to guide people

5:17-20

* Jesus has come to fulfill the law
	+ “Fulfillment language”
* Jesus takes these commands of the law and makes them heart issues
	+ This is Jesus interpreting scripture

5:21-48

* Initial principals
* Jesus teaches the law
	+ Anger
		- The law says do not murder, I say do not let anger and quarl rest in your heart
	+ Adultery
		- The law says do not commit adultery, I say do not even look at another person lustfully
	+ Divorce
		- The law says to give a certificate to your wife if you divorce, I say if you divorce your wife (except for unfaithfulness) you cause her to commit adultery.
		- Anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery
	+ Oaths
		- The law says do not swear falsely (tell the truth), I say do not swear at all.
			* Let your word be your integrity
			* Yes and No
	+ Retaliation
		- The law says “eye for and eye, tooth for a tooth,” I say do not seek retaliation for action taken against you
			* This old testament commandment was written so that people did not exceed punishment
				+ Ex. A goat was killed and retaliation was killing the offenders family
			* The law was made so the punishment fit the crime
	+ Love for enemies
		- The law says love your neighbor and hate your enemy, I say love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you

**Jesus took commands that could easily be followed by anyone and turned them into commands that took intentional action which went against some of the norms in Jewish society.**