The Sermon Matthew 5-7

In The Sermon, Jesus shares how he expects his followers to live.

The Beatitudes Matthew 5.1-12

In The Beatitudes, Jesus says, "This is you, if you follow me."

5.1 When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. 2 He opened His mouth and *began* to teach them, saying,

Jesus calls for a life of faith.

Blessed are . . . for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven

Mark 1.15 The time (season) has been fulfilled (perfectly completed) and the kingdom of God is at hand (near, upon you), repent and believe the gospel

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

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

5 "Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10 "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when *people* insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Until you understand you can bring nothing to Jesus but you, you can't come to Jesus

How hard is it for people to follow Jesus?

Following Jesus begins and ends with brokenness.

Because of his life and calling, every one of you can follow Jesus.

Regardless of who you are or what you experience, in Jesus, you can have a life in him to celebrate.