

# Jesus' Sermon on the Mount TO the Jews Compared with the Risen Jesus to Paul and then on TO us Gentiles - Today!

Background to Help Understand This Sermon / Bible Study Series

Jesus taught the 'Way of God' to the Jews in the 'Beatitudes' and the 'Sermon on the Mount,' with the objective of leading the Jews to do the *Great Commission* with them being the "salt of the earth" seeking and showing *miracles, signs, and wonders*. That message was eventually left to be carried on by Peter as the *apostle to the Circumcision*. (Jews)

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The Risen Jesus Christ taught the 'Way of God More Perfectly' to Paul who was then given the *Greater Commission* with the objective of sending Paul *to the ends of the earth*, meaning to all 'heathen Gentiles' who were called the *uncircumcision*, thus making Paul the *ONLY apostle to the Gentiles*. According to the Scripture, Paul was teaching a '*more excellent way*,' the '*way of God more perfectly*,' with Paul guiding the Gentiles to '*wisdom*' by the *very words of the Risen Saviour* instead of *miracles, signs and wonders*.

**Matthew 4:23-25** *And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them. And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan. Matthew 5:1,2, And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying...*

Beatitudes / Sermon on the Mount - to the Jews ONLY - **Matthew 5** to **7**

**Matthew 7:28,29; 8:1**, *And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him.*

**Jesus taught the "Way of God" to the Jews!**

**Luke 20:11** - *And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, neither acceptest thou the person of any, but teachest the way of God truly:*

However, and as you know and believe, they crucified Jesus! If the Jews would have accepted Christ as the Son of God, Christ would have established His kingdom on earth, called the "kingdom of heaven," and would also have given them the spiritual "kingdom of God," and Peter would have been the apostle to the circumcision (the Jews) (**Galatians 2**). The plan for the Jews

was to have gone out to the world, being *the salt of the earth* in what pastors today call the *Great Commission*, and is described in detail in **Mark 16:14-20**... *Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.*

However, and again as you know and believe, they rejected Christ's return by rejecting Peter and his original design for 'church' (**Acts 2:38-47**) and killed Stephen. (**Acts 7**)

As a result of the Jews rejection, Christ Himself chose to go to the worst guy possible, Saul (soon to be called Paul), **Acts 8:3**, *As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison. Acts 22:3,4 - I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day. And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.*

After Paul got saved, **Acts 9**, Christ went on with Paul in what I call 'The Greater Commission' – a commission to the Gentiles, a people that were "*no people and a foolish nation.*"

At first, Paul tried three times to reach his people - the Jews first time to Jews only; (This is when he wrote **Hebrews**). **Act 9:20-23**, *And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God. But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests? But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ. And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him:*

Later, he went to the Jews the 2<sup>nd</sup> time to both Jews and Gentiles, using the signs, etc. But even his use of miracles, signs and wonders didn't convince the Jews, Paul eventually went on to the Gentiles Only! **Acts 13:45-47** - *But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.*

For Paul's Greater Commission unto the ends of the earth, (meaning Gentiles), the RISEN SAVIOUR met with Paul 'face to face' telling Paul that he was to be the apostle to the uncircumcision only (**Galatians 2**) and thus we have Paul as our ONLY apostle today!

The sound doctrine from the risen Saviour as taught to Paul and preserved in the written Scriptures (KJB today) is the doctrine that is to be taken to the Gentiles (us) today and is found only in **Romans to Philemon!**

By the way, when the Gentiles finally reject the risen Saviour and no longer continue in the *goodness of God*, which is found ONLY in a King James Bible today and is ONLY taught by the apostle Paul, then God will cut off the Gentile nation, thus the 'rapture' as we tend to call it will take place. **Romans 11:22.**

**1Th 4:14-18** - *For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

It is a time when ...*he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, II Thessalonians 2:7,8.* ... meaning that the Holy Spirit will be taken out of the way on the earth, replaced by the devil himself (**I Peter 5:8**) – and we who are sincerely quickened / saved will meet the Saviour in the clouds with the Holy Spirit because we are sealed with Him!

**II Corinthians 1:22** - *Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.*  
**Ephesians 1:13** - *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,*

**Ephesians 4:30** - *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

### **The 'Way of God More Perfectly' and a 'More Excellent Way'**

**Act 18:26** *And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.*

**I Cor 12:31** - *But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way...*

**P.S.** Why did this all take place? Was all this because God suddenly specifically 'loved' the heathen Gentiles? Well, it does say, **John 3:16** - *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* (We hear that so misquoted – corrupted all the time these days.) And at that time, that was true

and that was the message the Jews were to take out to the whole world – but even the Jews did not believe.

**However, note the past tense use of the word *lov'ED***

The people, then and today, who have rejected God's one time offer of His only begotten son are NOT loved by God today. They can't be! They are still '*in their flesh*' (word study that phrase!) by not having the *operation made without hands*, (**Colossians 2:11-15**) thus they are still *dead in their trespasses and sins*, no matter how good a person they are!

**Romans 8:8** - *So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*

**Romans 3:10-12** - *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*

So, in reality and truth, God does not love the unsaved because God can't simply love everyone if they haven't received *His only begotten Son*. People that say God loves you to a lost person is not being truthful at all and only confuses the hearer. "If God loves me, why do I need to be saved?" would be the obvious question I would ask!

Note: The lost people today do live in the dispensation of the grace of God and because of God's grace, they are not going receive their judgment... now, which is why they think they are doing fine or that there is no God because of what they 'get away with, etc.'; but because they are still dead in trespasses and sins, they will eventually receive the severity of God / also known as the wrath of God at their white throne judgment. See **Romans 2:5-9; Daniel 7:9; Revelation 4:4; 7:9; 20:11.**

So, for now and for the Gentiles and because of the **RISEN** Christ, the world is still in the dispensation of the grace of God, a saved Gentile may have an eternal salvation, a quickening along with the 'goodness of God' – a salvation that is based on their faith **IN** the Risen Christ – with them receiving the faith **OF** Christ in return, all according to the apostle Paul!

**Titus 3:5** - *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*

**Ephesians 2:1** *And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;*

**Ephesians 2:5** - *Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)*

**Colossians 2:13** - *And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;*

**Ephesians 3:1-4** - *For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, , Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)*

By the way, "What is the real reason for Christ going to the Gentiles with those spiritual blessings?"

**Romans 11:11-14** - *I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. Now if*

*the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness? For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them.*

**Romans 10:19** - *But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you.*

**Romans 2:4**, *Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?*

## Conclusion

So, as the saying goes, “*I said all that to say this,*” one of the most preached subject in the churches today is the “Beatitudes” as found within the “Sermon on the Mount” because it is obvious that it is Jesus’ teachings. So, if Jesus is your Saviour, then you would think it would make sense to study Jesus’ teachings. However, as you have now learned, those teachings by Jesus were directed by Jesus Himself to the Jews and to the Jews ONLY!

The risen Christ then chose Paul to be the apostle to the Gentiles and that is what is supposed to be taught in the churches today. **I Corinthians 4:17** *For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church. II Timothy 1:8* - *Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;*

Unfortunately, because today’s pastors reject Paul’s gospel and teachings, they continue with these Jewish teachings in today’s churches that are scripturally called ‘Jewish fables’ taught in the ‘synagogue of Satan’ and are ‘profane and vain babblings” if what the pastors are teaching are not the teachings of the RISEN SAVIOUR! Note: these teachings will return and will become the necessary teachings during the time of tribulation as the Jews will be in the main limelight.

For now, we are supposed to be studying Paul’s words as told to him by the RISEN SAVIOUR! *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. I Timothy 2:16,17*

And so, my goal of this series is to not only show you the difference in Jesus’ teachings to the Jews versus the risen Jesus Christ’s teachings to us as Gentiles today, but to also show that you can also experience the comfort, the joy, the peace of God as your personal excitement grows as you develop your *riches of the full assurance of understanding*. **Colossians 2:2** *That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ!*