

The Life of Christ

Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 7:1-29

Wrapping Up - not topical train-wreck, but bullet-point conclusion

Matthew 7:1-5 – Judge not – it means to forgive and move on! This extends to context of forgiving those who have wronged us, to include forgiving those who have wronged others.

Matthew 7:6 – Sanctification unto God, not wasted time and money

Matthew 7:7-11 – Ask in prayer, and you will receive!

Matthew 7:7-11 Ask, and you will receive good – not necessarily what we were asking for, but truly good things. see James 1:17

Compare with Matthew 21:18-22 – Who does this apply to, the disciples only or all Christians? What does it take to have that kind of faith?

Compare with James chapter 4.

Matthew 7:12 – Golden rule reiterated, this instance as overall guideline, last time (Luke 6:31) in specific context of giving alms. Again, wrapping up.

Matthew 7:13-14 – Salvation not of religious practice - see Matthew 5:20 (17-20) Bear in mind that Mosaic Law was a theocracy of worship and faith in which salvation by faith was manifest by adherence to laws – Jesus is highlighting the FAITH and REPENTANCE in opposition to empty practice, see Isaiah 1:10-18

Next Week – conclusion of Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 7:15-28