

Wednesday Night Bible Study

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Main Study

Matthew 5--the Sermon on the Mount

The Book of Matthew has 3 major themes:

- Jesus is the Messiah from the line of David
- Jesus is the new Moses
 - Moses was so important because he brought the Law--and also brought the Israelites out of bondage
 - Moses was the savior for the nation of Israel; Jesus is the savior for the world
- God is with us

“Seven” is all throughout Matthew--the number of totality, completion, shalom

- Seven divisions in the book
 - Intro (Chs. 1-4)
 - Five teachings: (mirroring the five books of the Torah) (Just as Moses gave five books, Jesus delivered five teachings. He is the new Moses)
 - Sermon on the Mount (5-7)
 - Commission to the Disciples (10)

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- Parables of the Kingdom (13)
 - Manual on how to live when Jesus is gone (18)
 - Olivet Discourse (Abomination of Desolation, etc) (24-25)
 - Commission to the Nations (28)
 - Divisions of seven generations in the Genealogy
 - Seven petitions in the Lord's prayer
 - Seven loaves of bread
 - Jesus says seven Woes to the Pharisees
 - Forgive the brother who wronged you seventy times seven times

Jesus goes up to the mountaintop to teach because Moses also went up on the mountain to get a message from God to deliver to the people.

How biblical writers set a scene for emotional content

John 18:15-18--Peter's first denial. Notice the charcoal fire in verse 18.

John 21:7-11--The beginning of Peter's restoration. (this also echoes the disciples' initial call) Notice the charcoal fire again. Notice also the fish and bread (feeding of the 5,000)

- Jesus is rewinding Peter's life to the moment that he denied Him
- Then Jesus asks Peter the same question 3 times.
- Peter gives 3 answers
- Jesus issues 3 commands. A threefold restoration.

Rabbit Trails

The ways that Scripture emphasizes things:

- Repetition (Truly, truly)
- Chiasm ([Here is a wikipedia article on Chiastic structure](#))
 - A poetic or structural device that “bookends” a phrase in order to emphasize it.
 - You can see this in Matthew 1:23 and Matthew 28:20
 - 1:23 tells us His name will be Emmanuel: God is with us
 - The book ends with “I am with you always”

Additional Resources

[Kay Arthur’s ministry](#) (and Inductive Bible Study)

Robby’s favorite Jewish Commentaries

- [Firstfruits of Zion](#)
- [Bema Podcast](#)
- [Chronicles of the Messiah](#)
- [Jewish Roots of Christianity](#)
- [Lois Tverberg](#)