

# THE FORGOTTEN JESUS PODCAST

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

Season 7, Episode 3

### Introduction To The Sermon On The Mount

*Matthew 5:1–12, 38–39; Romans 10:4; Galatians 3:24*

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#### Key Themes

- Jesus redefines what it means to be “blessed”
  - The Sermon on the Mount is a Kingdom manual, not an unattainable standard
  - Jesus fulfills—not abolishes—the Law
  - Grace demands effort but not earning (Dallas Willard)
  - Turning the other cheek isn’t weakness, but Kingdom strength
  - The heart of the Law is relationship, not religion
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#### Discussion Questions:

1. What expectations do you think the disciples had for the “Kingdom” before hearing the Sermon on the Mount?

2. Why do you think Jesus began His Kingdom teaching with “Blessed are the poor in spirit”?
  3. In what ways does Jesus’ teaching in Matthew 5:38–39 challenge our instinct for self-defense and justice?
  4. How does understanding “turn the other cheek” in its cultural context (a backhanded slap of dishonor) change its meaning?
  5. How do the Beatitudes flip societal values upside down?
  6. What does Jesus mean when He says He came to “fulfill the Law” (Romans 10:4)?
  7. Why is it significant that Jesus critiques oral tradition more than the Law itself?
  8. How does Galatians 3:24 help you understand the role of the Law before Jesus?
  9. What is the danger of following rules but missing the heart of the Law?
  10. How does this teaching connect to the broader call of discipleship at Long Hollow?
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## **Application Questions:**

1. Where in your life do you find yourself striving to earn favor with God instead of trusting grace?
2. How can you begin to live out one of the Beatitudes in a specific relationship this week?
3. Is there someone you need to “turn the other cheek” toward—someone who dishonored you? What would that look like practically?
4. In what ways can you pursue effort in your walk with Christ without slipping into legalism?
5. Where have you prioritized outward behavior over inner transformation?
6. What’s one area of the Law (God’s commands) that you need to interpret through the lens of relationship?

7. How do you respond when God's Kingdom values feel upside-down compared to cultural expectations?
  8. What is a practical way you can imitate Jesus in conflict or confrontation this week?
  9. How can you embrace the mindset of being a "citizen of the Kingdom" in your workplace, family, neighborhood, or school?
  10. What spiritual discipline might help you reframe your view of blessing and humility this week?
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## Prayer Prompt

*"Jesus, Your Kingdom is not of this world, and Your ways often challenge what I've been taught to value. Help me to see with Kingdom eyes, to respond with Kingdom love, and to live with Kingdom obedience. Teach me not only to know the Law but to live its heart—to love You and others well. Give me the strength to turn the other cheek, not in passivity, but in radical trust that Your justice and grace are enough. Amen."*

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## Going Deeper:

**Book:** *The Forgotten Jesus* by Robby Gallaty  
[Amazon Link](#)

### Podcasts:

- *The Forgotten Jesus* (Season 7, Episodes 1 & 2 for context on Moses and the Beatitudes)
- *Making Disciples* with Robby Gallaty, Replicate Ministries

### Tools for Word Study:

- [Blue Letter Bible](#)

- [CSB Hebrew-Greek Key Word Study Bible](#)