How Jesus Changed The World

Greg Kline · Matthew 5:1–12

INTRODUCTION

- The first one, and perhaps the most important for us in consideration of the lesson this morning is Christ lived what he preached.
- His teachings completely and utterly distinctify his followers in a way that cannot be confused with those of the world.
- Everyone is here to worship God this morning as we have been commanded, and as we have opportunity to do so. Because Christ's teaching bring us together.

1 One Solitary Life Changed Human History

- But do you ever consider just historically how impactful the life of Christ was?
- All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the governments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned have not changed the course of history as much as this one solitary life.
- Jesus lived, Jesus conquered, and Jesus impacted the world, and it cannot be changed or undone.

2 And Such Were Some of You

1 Corinthians 6:9–11

- And such were some of you. But you were washed. You were sanctified. You were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit of our God.
- What changed these people? Jesus did.
- His teachings, the teachings of his followers that all point back to him as a representative of God the Father, changed the course of people's lives in a dramatic way.

3 Put to Death What Is Earthly in You

Colossians 3:5–10; Matthew 5

- Put to death, therefore, what is earthly in you sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.
- It's the call to be different by the teachings of Christ, and it's to take advantage of the salvation that God the Father offers.
- This list is not just for the people of Colossi. This list is for Christians.
- Jesus' teachings run counter-cultural to what good, what pure, what righteousness is. And it runs countercultural because culture is drived by our fleshly desires.

4 Jesus Flipped the Script

- And when Christ was here, who was he with? The lowly, sinners, tax collectors, heathens, people that were beneath the religious leaders of the time.

- Jesus said, I will submit to the will of the Father, and he carried out that will. And it changed everything.

5 He Taught Real Forgiveness

John 3:3–5; Acts 2:36–38

- Jesus didn't only change the way people live, he wrote the book on how to be even just a person in this life. He taught real forgiveness.
- Truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.
- It's a putting off of the old sin. It's a second chance, it's a second life. Jesus gives life.
- Repent and be baptized, every one of you In the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus taught and Jesus lived true forgiveness. And that is something that is unknown to our fleshly earthly desires.

6 He Taught Real Giving, Real Sacrifice

Matthew 5:9–16; 1 Peter 2:21–25

- Let your light shine before others, so they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. That is a life that is not about me.
- It's about Christ, not about me. And that's the biggest difference that Jesus brought.
- He taught us that it means sacrifice is necessary.
- For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.
- What did Jesus do? He did the will of the Father at all costs. What are we to do? Live to the Father at all costs.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Perhaps God has put you here for such a time as this. Who do you know in your life that needs Christ? Do you need him this day? Do you need to turn your life over to him fully?**

MY NOTES