

SPIRITUAL PAUPERS

MATTHEW 5:1-3

Beatitude Living

1. Marks the truly blessed
2. Shows what it looks like when we are gripped by the Gospel
3. Is the best means of evangelism

Beatitude Context

Matthew 4:12-17

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he returned to Galilee.

Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali - to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the way to the sea, along the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles —
the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light
has dawned.

From that time on Jesus began to preach,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”

Jesus taught his followers
the Beatitudes
and the rest of the Sermon on the Mount
after he first announced His good news,
“the gospel of God”
(Mt. 4:17; Mark 1:15)

Jesus speaks these Beatitudes
in the context of gospel

Now when he saw the crowds, he went up
on a mountainside and sat down.
His disciples came to him,
and he began to teach them, saying:

Blessed are the **poor in spirit**,
for theirs is the **kingdom of heaven**.

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