



The Way

Way - Greek: hodos; directional, practice

Acts 9:2: "any there who belonged to the Way..."

Acts 19:2,23: "the Way"

Acts 24:14: "I admit that I worship the God of our ancestors as a follower of the Way."

"The way of truth" (2 Peter 2:2); "the way the truth and the life" (John 14:2)



Practice (Matthew 5:1:2,17-20; 7:24-27)

A stylized graphic featuring the words "THE WAY" in large, bold, blue letters. The text is set against a background of a yellow sun, a red mountain peak, and a white mountain range. The sun is partially obscured by the mountain peak. The text "THE WAY" is split across two lines, with "THE" on the top line and "WAY" on the bottom line. The background is a light, textured surface with a pattern of thin, curved lines.

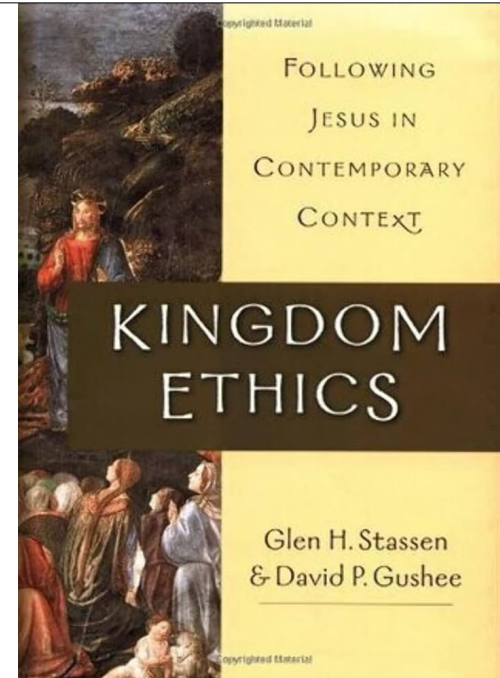
THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Practicing the Way

Be with Jesus
Become like him
Do as he did

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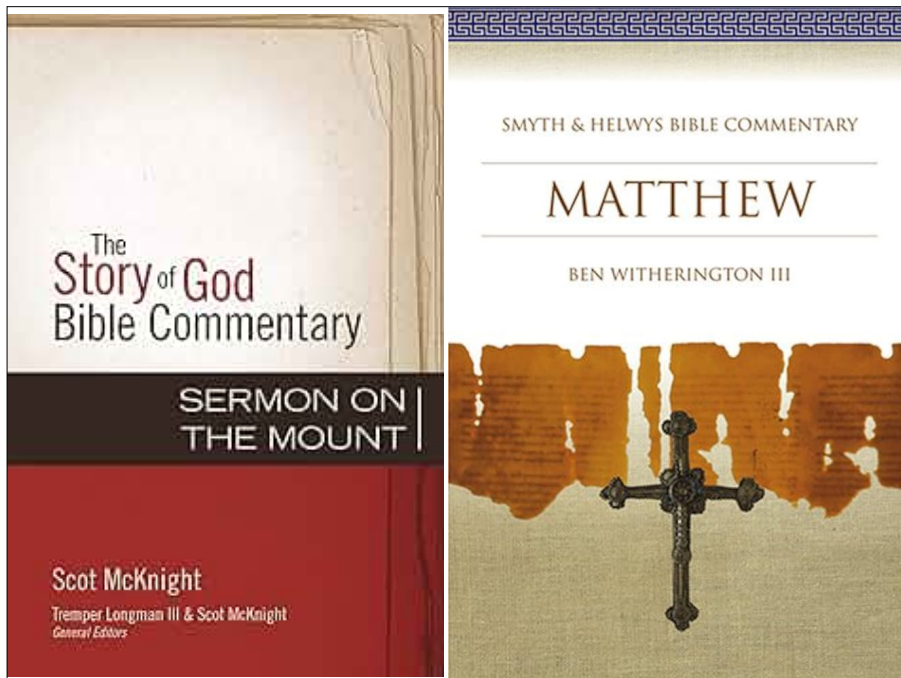
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Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5-7

Collection of Jesus' teachings

5:1: "went up on a mountainside"

Luke 6:20-49: Sermon on the Plain

Jesus is the new Moses



Sermon on the Mount

Approach to the Sermon on the Mount:

Contrast between Jesus' vision and our life

Karl Barth: "It would be sheer folly to interpret the imperatives of the Sermon on the Mount as if we should bestir ourselves to actualize these pictures."

Hold a mirror to our own sin; for a select few



Sermon on the Mount

Sermon on the Mount - the way of Jesus that he invites us to participate in

N.T. Wright: "The Sermon... isn't just about how to behave. It's about discovering the living God in the loving, and dying, Jesus, and learning to reflect that love ourselves into the world that needs it so badly."

Stassen and Gushee: "...how to participate..."



Sermon on the Mount

How we live does matter

James: "Do not merely listen to the word... Do what it says" (1:22); "...faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead" (2:17).



Matthew 5:17-20: fulfillment

Jesus is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets (v.17)

“...whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven” (v.19)



Matthew 7:24-27: parable

Concludes Sermon on the Mount - galvanizes the followers of Jesus to action

Two groups:

Hear Jesus and do not put into action

Hear Jesus and do put into action

“...everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice...” (v.24)



Takeaways

Commit to practice

Jesus - “Come follow me”

Matthew 11:28-29 MSG: “Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.”



Takeaways

Commit to practice

Choose to follow Jesus

Consider joining one of the groups doing Practicing the Way

