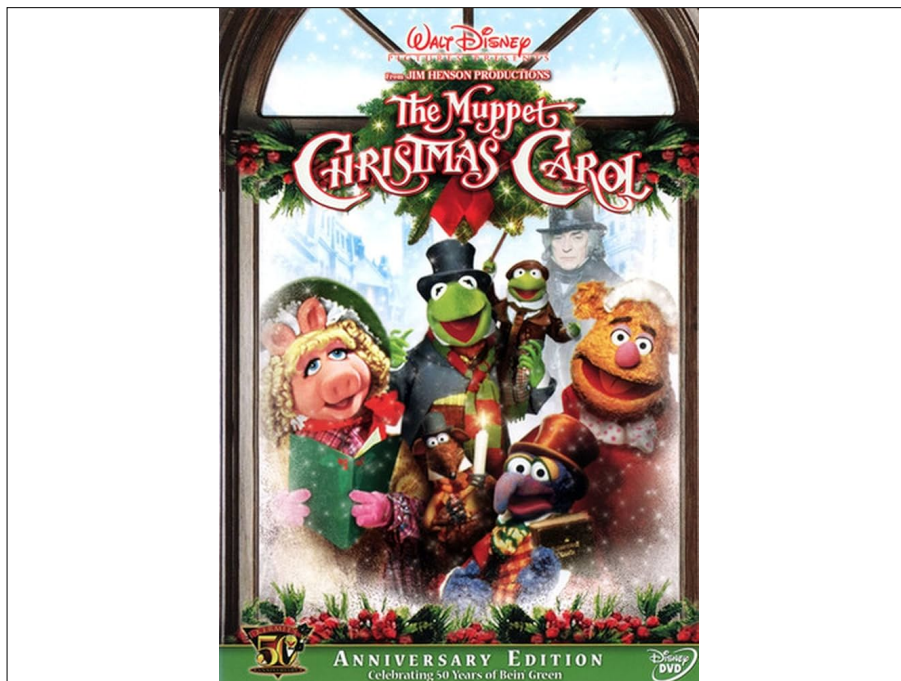
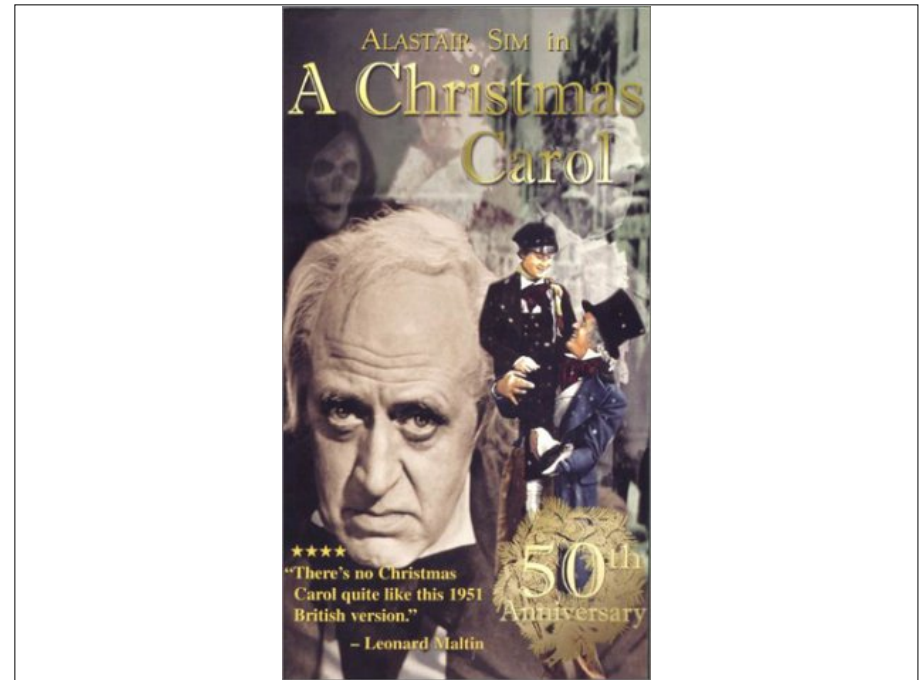








Salt & Light (Matthew 5:13-16)

THE WAY

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Light of the World

You - "y'all"

Light is a common metaphor

Genesis 1: "Let there be light" (v.3)

5:14: "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden"



Light of the World

City on a hill

Isaiah 2

"the mountain of the LORD's temple... the highest of the mountains... and all the nations will stream to it." (v.2).

"will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths" (v.3)

"light" is 'ôr; "law" is tôrâ

"Walk in the light of the LORD" (v.5)



Light of the World

Isaiah - "the servant"

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the
nations." (Isaiah 42:1)

"A light for the Gentiles" (v.6); "to
release from the dungeon those who
sit in darkness" (v.7)



Light of the World

v.16: "Let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and
glorify your Father in heaven."

Good works - living out God's justice

Be like Jesus



Salt of the Earth

Salt is so common

Eleven possibilities for the metaphorical
usage of salt

Ex: purifying agent (Elisha purifying
contaminated water in 2 Kings);
condiment (Job 6)



Salt of the Earth

Jonathan Pennington - look where salt
and light metaphors overlap

Covenant

Salt was eaten to commit to a
covenantal agreement

Lev. 2:13: "Salt of the covenant";
Numbers 18:19: "everlasting covenant
of salt"



Salt of the Earth

Salt of the covenant

Long-lasting

Pure and preserved, unblemished from immorality

God and King David - a covenant of salt; kingdom of justice



Salt & Light

Jonathan Pennington: "Both the salt and light metaphors are communicating the same idea, that Jesus's disciples are now the heralds of the new and lasting covenant being effected by Jesus."



Salt & Light

Earth and world

Earth should be "land"

Land, the place where you are, to the whole world

Lose saltiness? (v.13); hide light? (v.15)

"Be who you are, you are this, just be it"

You will have an impact



Takeaways

Be salt: long-lasting, resilient and committed to God's vision for human flourishing; pure and unwavering no matter how that differs from the world's perspective.

Be light: be like Jesus and follow Jesus' ways so that others are drawn to that vision of human flourishing, that they too would walk in God's path of love and justice so that together we would all walk in the light

"y'all" – TOGETHER we are salt and light

