

# HAIL THE KING

CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM



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MATTHEW 5:1-22

THE GOSPEL OF  
MATTHEW

*“The Sermon on the Mount is probably the best-known part of the teaching of Jesus, though arguably it is the least understood, and certainly it is the least obeyed. It is the nearest thing to a manifesto that he ever uttered, for it is his own description of what he wanted his followers to be and to do.*

*[...]*

**John Stott**



*It portrays the repentance...and the righteousness which belong to the kingdom. That is, it describes what human life and human community look like when they come under the gracious rule of God.*

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*The Sermon on the Mount is the most complete delineation anywhere in the New Testament of the Christian counter-culture.*

**John Stott**

The book cover features a blue and gold color scheme. On the left, the title 'HAIL THE KING' is written in large, bold, black letters, with 'CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM' in smaller blue letters below it. A gold outline of a church with a cross is visible behind the title. The central image is a blue-toned illustration of Jesus sitting on a hillside, teaching a group of disciples. To the right of the illustration, the text 'SEEING THE CROWDS, HE WENT UP ON THE MOUNTAIN, AND WHEN HE SAT DOWN, HIS DISCIPLES CAME TO HIM. AND HE OPENED HIS MOUTH AND TAUGHT THEM...' is written in blue, followed by 'MATTHEW 5:1-22' in a smaller blue font. At the bottom right, the words 'THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW' are written in a large, gold, outlined font.

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<sup>24</sup> So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them.  
<sup>25</sup> And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

**Matthew 4:24–25**



<sup>1</sup> Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.  
<sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

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*It is not surprising, then, that the kingdom of heaven belongs to the poor in spirit. At the very outset of the Sermon on the Mount, we learn that we do not have the spiritual resources to put any of the Sermon's precepts into practice. We cannot fulfill God's standards ourselves. We must come to him and acknowledge our spiritual bankruptcy, emptying ourselves of our self-righteousness, moral self-esteem, and personal vainglory. Emptied of these things we are ready for him to fill us.*

**D. A. Carson**



**The law sends us to Christ to be justified, and Christ sends us back to the law to be sanctified.**



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**Blessed are those who are persecuted for  
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**Matthew 5:10**



**11 “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.**

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