

Jesus Sermon on the Plain: Blessings and Woes

Luke 6:12-26

#1: Selecting the Apostles (6:12-16)

¹² In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. ¹³ And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles: ¹⁴ Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, ¹⁵ and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶ and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

#2: Ministering to the Multitudes (6:17-19)

¹⁷ And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

#3: Training the Disciples: Blessings and Woes (6:20-26)

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A. The Contrast (20-26)

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²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

^{21b} "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

^{25b} "Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

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C. The Challenge (24-26)

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