

Notes for Matthew 5:1 & 2

Hebrew & Greek pronunciation spelled phonetically

John 1:47-48 - Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" 48 Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

Mark 6:34 - When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd

Exodus 23:2 - You shall not fall in with the many to do evil, nor shall you bear witness in a lawsuit, siding with the many, so as to pervert justice,

1 Kings 19:11-12 - And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. 12 And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper

In Scripture, mountains are often places where God reveals Himself and speaks with authority of divine revelation, covenant and His power. And now, like the greater Moses He is, going up a mountain to teach. But there's a big difference. Moses went up to receive God's word. Jesus went up to speak God's word.

Deuteronomy 18:15-18 - The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—16 just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' 17 And the Lord said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. 18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.

John 7:16 - So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me.

Sitting symbolizes authority and instruction. In that culture, Jewish Rabbis and teachers would sit while teaching. Pharaohs, kings and judges sat as fundamental signs of power.

Luke 12:1 - In the meantime, when so many thousands of the people had gathered together that they were trampling one another, he began to say to his disciples first, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

Mathētēs (mah-theh-TES) Greek that translates as disciple means "learner, pupil, student or follower"

ἀπόστολος (ah-PO-steh-los) Greek that translates as messenger, delegate, emissary.

Luke 6:13 - And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles

James 4:8 - Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

James 2:19 - You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe - and shudder!

Revelation 3:16 - So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.

Every one of us should ask ourselves: Am I just in the crowd or am I a disciple? Do I listen to Him? Or do I follow Him? Because we can be around Jesus and not be surrendered to Jesus.

Romans 12:1 - I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship

Joshua 24:15 - And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Luke 14:26-27 - If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

Job 3:1 - After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth

Acts 10:34 - So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality,

John 6:63 - It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

Matthew 5:20 - For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Leviticus 19:2 - Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

Romans 8:3-4 - For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Colossians 2:6-7 - Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving

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