

Salt and Light (Matthew 5:13-16)

Introduction

- What is the Sermon on the Mount all about?
- What are the Beatitudes about?
- What ominous warning does Jesus give at the end of the Beatitudes?

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- What are two things people used salt for in Jesus' day (v13)?
- What does this mean for Christians?
- What must our lives be like, then?
- What does light do (v14-15)?
- What does darkness often stand for in the Bible?
- What does it mean for Christians to be light?
- What do Jesus' illustrations of the city and the lamp show?
- How does Jesus apply this in v16?

Lessons

- What is the first lesson we can learn from Jesus' salt and light metaphors?
- What happens when people are in darkness?
- What are the noetic effects of sin?
- Give an example of a verse which shows that.

- What does this mean to us as Christians?
- What is the second lesson we can learn from Jesus' salt and light metaphors?
- Does this sound easy?!
- What is the first thing which encourages us in our quest to be salt and light?
- Why does this help?
- What is the second thing which encourages us in our quest to be salt and light?
- How do we learn to reflect Jesus' light?
- What is the third lesson we can learn from Jesus' salt and light metaphors?
- Does the world always like this?
- What should happen to the decay of society if there are Christians in that society?
- Give some examples of Christian social reformers.
- What sins might your influence halt?
- Why does this matter?
- What is the fourth lesson we can learn from Jesus' salt and light metaphors?
- What do people often need before they are ready to hear the gospel?
- Do Christians typically take this seriously?

Conclusion

- What is the scope of Jesus' words here?
- What do we need to do about that?
- Where does Jesus want people to be saved from?
- What must you do if you are not a Christian?