

January 4

Matthew

1-4 Affirming Jesus' Royalty vs Satan's Temptations

4 Invitation—Come, *Follow Me*

Dec 21 – *A History of Christmas*

5 True *Love* in the Beatitudes

6 *Treasure & Lord's Prayer*

7 **Narrow Gate & Rock House**

8 Every Life Valued – Jesus Heals

9 Mercy Extended – Jesus Heals, Raises Dead

10 Loyalty Tested – Sends 12 Out

11 Confronting Doubts – John the Baptist
Father Revealed in the Son

12 Rejecting Legalism – Sabbath & Satan

13 Judgment Coming – Parable of Sower

Sermon on
the Mount



Matthew, c. 1625
by Frans Hal

Christ in the Storm on the
Lake of Galilee, 1633
Rembrandt (1606-1669)

Sea
of Galilee

Matthew 7:12 ~ Golden Rule
do to others what you would
have them do to you,
for this sums up
the Law & the Prophets



Sometimes, we just need to HEAR

“Be Happy!”

I know, I truly *KNOW* it's
NOT that simple

Sometimes it's

IMPOSSIBLE ...

Still, just for FUN ...

from time to time ...

it's just nice to HEAR



Outlined of the SHORT report on Jesus' Life in the Gospel of Matthew

1-2 Birth and Infancy of Jesus

3-4 Beginning of Jesus's Ministry in Galilee

A History of Christmas – Matt 1-2 & Luke 1-2

5-7 Discourse 1—Sermon on the Mount

5 True *Love* in Beatitudes Dec 28

6 Treasure & Lord's Prayer Jan 4

7 *Narrow Gate* & *Rock House* Jan 11

8-9 Jesus's First Miracles

10 Discourse 2—Ministry of Jesus' Disciples

11-12 Responses to Jesus's Ministry

13 Discourse 3—Parables about the Kingdom

14-17 Close of Jesus' Ministry in Galilee

18 Discourse 4—Character of Jesus' Disciples

19-20 Jesus' Ministry on Way to Jerusalem

21-23 Jesus' Ministry in Jerusalem

24-25 Discourse 5—Last Days: No One Knows the HOUR

26-27 Betrayal, Crucifixion, Burial

28 Resurrection & Commission



Matthw 7 – Pt 3 – **Sermon on the Mount**

1-6 Judging Others

7-12 Ask, Seek, Knock

13-14 Narrow & Wide Gates 1

15-20 True & False Prophets 2

21-23 True & False Disciples 3

24-27 Wise & Foolish Builders 4

Similar repetitive style, to Matt. 6 where we are told to

- ✓ Give in Secret
- ✓ Fast in Secret
- ✓ Pray in Secret

We have FOUR sets of two options – a Neat Package!



Matthew 7 – Pt 3 **Sermon on the Mount**

Jesus **ENDS** his Sermon on the Mount

Tale of Two House Builders –

One upon the Sand, the other upon the Rock

**In a way, the WHOLE Sermon on the Mount
were Blueprints for Building upon a Rock
especially Matthew 7 – in other words:
an alternate title for Matthew 5-7 could be**

**How to Build Your
Heart's HOME upon a ROCK**



Charles H. Spurgeon on Matthew 7 and House upon the Rock in 1870
On the TWO Builders, they LOOK alike, LOOK similar
In the same way there are among us at this hour
many who are resolved that if Christ is to be had,
they will have him ... they will find it. They are very earnest,
intensely earnest, though some of them will fail,
and some of them succeed,
yet up to this point they are both alike, and
none but he who searcheth ALL HEARTS can
discern the slightest difference.



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by Alexander Melville
(1834-1892)



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I look with sadness upon the two pilgrims,
with their faces zealously turned Zionward,
as I wonder which one will find the Celestial City, and
which will join with Formalist and Hypocrisy, and
perish on the Dark Mountains.

We're glad to hear of yearning hearts & resolute determinations

But, alas! all is not wheat that grows in corn-fields,
all is not gold that glitters.

Appearances are very very hopeful, but appearances are often deceptive.

There may be a deep sense of need & ... a determined resolution....

Yet out of TWO SEEKERS, one may FIND and the other may MISS,

one may be **F O O L I S H** and the other may be **W I S E**.



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The higher the foolish man built the harder work
he had to keep it aright, for of course every
tier of bricks laid made the weight the greater,
and caused the sand to give way.

The nearer heaven the builder went
the sooner his wall bowed to its fall.

A man who only makes his aim to be thought
a respectable man by attending a place of worship,
may manage pretty well to keep up such a
low wall even **WITHOUT A FOUNDATION**

Those who **ONLY** go to church to be seen – are
Sandy Christians – *easily blown ever which way*



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Matthw 7 – Pt 3 **Sermon on the Mount**

1-6 **Judging Others**

- 1 “Do not judge, or you too will be judged.
- 2 For in the same way ... it will be measured to you.
- 3 4 Speck in brother’s eye ... plank in your eye
- 5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, then you’ll see clearly to remove the speck....

Then a *Wildcard* verse ... seemingly unrelated to what has gone BEFORE or what FOLLOWS:

- 6 “Do not give dogs what is SACRED; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

“What is **SACRED**” – what is holy, spiritual
Animals have no knowledge of God

Is it possible that what is “**sacred**” here means

YOUR WORDS

Words that **BLESS**
or **HURT**



Matthw 7 – Pt 3 **Sermon on the Mount**

7-12 Ask, Seek, Knock

**How to Build your
Heart's HOME**

7 “Ask and it will be given to you;
seek and you will find;

knock and the door will be opened to you.

8 For everyone who asks receives;
the one who seeks finds;

and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

We have a challenge here We ARE challenged here
To ASK God, SEEK God ... even KNOCK on the DOOR

What were the Fine Folks on the mountain feeling?

What Fine Words ... Spiritual Words ... Generous Words

Sometimes Impossible Words ... Mysterious Words

Speaking **“How to Access”** Christ – **Most Exquisite Words**



Matthw 7 – Pt 3 **Sermon on the Mount**

7-12 Ask, Seek, Knock

9 “Which of you, if your son asks for bread,
will give him a stone?

10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?

11 If you, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts ...
how much more will your Father in heaven
give good gifts to those who ask Him!

**How to Build your
Heart's HOME**



then **The Golden Rule**

12 So in everything, **do to others**

what you would have them do to you,

for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.



Matthw 7 – Pt 3 **Sermon on the Mount**

13-14 Narrow & Wide Gates

13 Enter through the narrow gate.

**For wide is the gate & broad is the road that leads to destruction,
and many enter through it.**

**14 But small is the gate & narrow the road that leads to life,
and only a FEW FIND IT.**

Another Spiritual Jewel

Seemingly EASY to grasp – EASY to understand

**Yet also HARD when pressed on “Narrow Gate”
and “only a FEW find it”**

Are not ALL the redeemed inside the Narrow Gate?

Could argue there is a path to destruction of a life that

***once saved* veers OFF & only *saved* by hair of their CHIN**



Matthw 7 – Pt 3 **Sermon on the Mount** **How to Build your Heart's HOME**

15-20 True & False Prophets

15 Watch out for false prophets.

**They come to you in sheep's clothing,
but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.**

16 By their fruit you will recognize them.

... pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

**17-19 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit,
but a bad tree bears bad fruit....**

20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

Wisdom of Christ – these proverbs, maxims, insights

ONCE Spoken are so easily seen as “FOREVER TRUE”



Matthw 7 – Pt 3 **Sermon on the Mount**

21-23 True & False Disciples

21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘**Lord, Lord,**’ will enter the **Kingdom of Heaven**, but only the one who does the will of my **Father** who is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me on that day, ‘**Lord, Lord,** did we not prophesy in your name ... drive out demons ... perform many miracles?’

23 Then I will tell them plainly,

‘I never knew you.

Away from me, you evildoers!’

Not hard to imagine a “False Disciple”

HARDER to see is the “miracles” they did – **EXCEPT**

as “**Jesus’ Name**” has NO Limit, NO Restraint



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On the TWO Builders, they LOOK alike, LOOK similar

You are in crowds desirous of becoming BUILDERS,
and although some are WISE and some FOOLISH,
up to this present we can see NO DIFFERENCE in YOU
for you're equally convinced that you need eternal life,
and a good hope for the world to come.

Nor does the likeness end here, for the two builders were
both resolved to obtain what they needed — a HOUSE;
their determination was not in words only, but in deeds,
for they both resolutely set to work to build.



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Another man who joins a worldly church —
a church that makes no pretense of purity —
can also succeed with ease;

but if he joins a church of Jesus Christ which
carefully seeks to preserve purity in its membership,
he has hard work to live up to the

standard required of him



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Matthw 7 – Pt 3 **Sermon on the Mount**

24-27 Wise & Foolish Builders

**24 “Therefore everyone who hears
these words of mine & puts them into practice is
like a wise man who built his House on the **ROCK.**”**

**Luke 6:48 adds – DUG DOWN DEEP &
LAID THE FOUNDATION ON ROCK.**

We must “DIG DEEP” to lay a foundation to our

Heart’s House of Honor



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these words of mine & puts them into practice is
like a wise man who built his House on the **ROCK**.”

25 The rain came down, the streams rose, the winds blew
and beat against that house; yet it did not fall,
because it had its Foundation on the **ROCK**.

26-27 man who built on sand ... fell with great crash

A Rock Built House – what all of us want

Jesus’ “WORDS” & Sermon on the Mount = built the indestructible

Heart’s Rock House of Honor



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The main difference between the two houses

did not lay in these cracks and settlements,

nor in the cheapness or rapidity of the building —

The main difference lay *OUT OF SIGHT, UNDERGROUND.*

It was all a MATTER of FOUNDATION

The essential difference between the true child of God

and the mere professor is not readily to be discovered



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The essential difference between the true child of God
and the mere professor is not readily to be discovered
Not even discovered by spiritual minds.

But the Lord sees it.

It is a secret mysterious something which the Lord prizes,

“for he knoweth them that are HIS.”

He separates between the precious & the vile.

He putteth away the pretenders as dross, but

He suffereth **NO SINCERE HEART** to be destroyed.



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Sermon on the Mount all about Building your Heart's Home



Blueprint for Building a Good Heart Home on the **ROCK**

Chapter 5

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- 43-48 Love for Enemies
Be Perfect like God

Chapter 6

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Chapter 7

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Your HEART's Rock House of Honor =

Your Love of God & Love of Others

