

The Sermon on the Mount – Lesson 4
Matthew 5:11-16
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Thesis: I want to show the importance of what Christ says in these verse.

Intro: 1. Today we will go beyond the beatitudes.
2. Today, we will look at faithfulness and showing our light to the world.

I. “When they revile and persecute you” (v.11-12)

A. Blessed when you are accused falsely. (**Lk 6:22-23**)

1. We are blessed when people have to resort to making false accusations against us.
2. We are blessed because we don’t lose our faith and because what they bring against us is false (**Acts 6:11-14**).

B. v.12 – “Rejoice”

1. We should rejoice that we suffer for the cause of Christ (**Acts 5:41-42** “rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.”)
2. They persecuted others long before us, so they will do the same to us also (**Jn 15:18-21**).

II. The Salt of the Earth (v.13)

A. What is the Salt & what is the flavor

1. You- is the Christian (**Mt 28:19-20**)
2. Flavor – faithfulness (**James 5:19-20**)

B. A world without the faithful

1. Without faithful Christians souls would be lost (**Rom 10:14-15**).
2. How can the world be seasoned (reached) without Christians? It can not.
3. (**v.13b**) Trample under foot by mean also carries the idea of being overcome by men (that is to say the world)

III. You are the light of the world (v.14-16)

A. What does it mean to be the “light” (**Mt 5:14-15**).

1. The light repels darkness.
2. Spiritual light repels spiritual darkness that is to say it repels sin.
3. Spiritual light gives light to all who obey.

B. Why be a light to the world?

1. Hiding our spiritual light is shameful (**Mt 5:16, Mt 10:32-33**).
2. The world cannot be saved without the light.

Application & Conclusion:

1. What about you, are you salt that’s lost its flavor?
2. Are you the light of the world or are you hiding it from the world?
3. Full Invitation