**Christianity – Simple or Complicated? #6**

***The Sermon On The Mount – 1***

***“Be real Salty and Very Bright”***

*Dale, tell us how you go about writing a sermon. Give us a glimpse into your process.*

*Jesus’ sermon on the mount has two introductions. First, “The Beatitudes.” Second, “Be Real Salty and Very Bright.” Why?*

*Purpose of “The Beatitudes.”*Matthew 4:17 …Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for

the kingdom of heaven has come near.”\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*Purpose of, “Be Real Salty and Very Bright.” Let’s read it and see…*

**Be Real Salty and Very Bright**

**Matthew 5:13-16**

13“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

14“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

*Four little verses…\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*This is NOT instruction concerning\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Why would you say that? At least two reasons.*

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*2.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*If it’s not about that, what is it about? Let’s see…*

*First – You who?* Matthew 5:1 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2and he began to teach them.

*“You” refers primarily to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Therefore, by association, Jesus is also talking to \_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Explain.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Why did Jesus use salt and light as his metaphors? What*

*is so special about salt and light?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*So the lesson is??? Practically speaking, what happens if*

*Jesus’ disciples are salt and light? How will it affect*

*them?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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*How can it affect the people that are in contact with them? There are at least three possibilities.*

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*3.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*I thought we had two more lessons in The Beatitudes. Why pause that study to do this one?*

*Put your seatbelts on and I’ll tell you…*

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| *A closing thought from the guy who learned everything the hard way…*  **1 Peter 2:12**  12Live such good lives among the people that don’t believe in Jesus that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. |