

May 2 2021 Scripture Reading – Matthew 5:1-12 (The Sermon on the Mount)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on the side of a mountain and sat down.

Jesus' disciples gathered around him, ² and he taught them:

³ God blesses those people
who depend only on him.

They belong to the kingdom
of heaven!^[b]

⁴ God blesses those people
who grieve.

They will find comfort!

⁵ God blesses those people
who are humble.

The earth will belong
to them!

⁶ God blesses those people
who want to obey him^[c]
more than to eat or drink.

They will be given
what they want!

⁷ God blesses those people
who are merciful.

They will be treated
with mercy!

⁸ God blesses those people
whose hearts are pure.

They will see him!

⁹ God blesses those people
who make peace.

They will be called
his children!

¹⁰ God blesses those people
who are treated badly
for doing right.

They belong to the kingdom
of heaven.^[d]

¹¹ God will bless you when people insult you, mistreat you, and tell all kinds of evil lies about you because of me. ¹² Be happy and excited! You will have a great reward in heaven. People did these same things to the prophets who lived long ago.