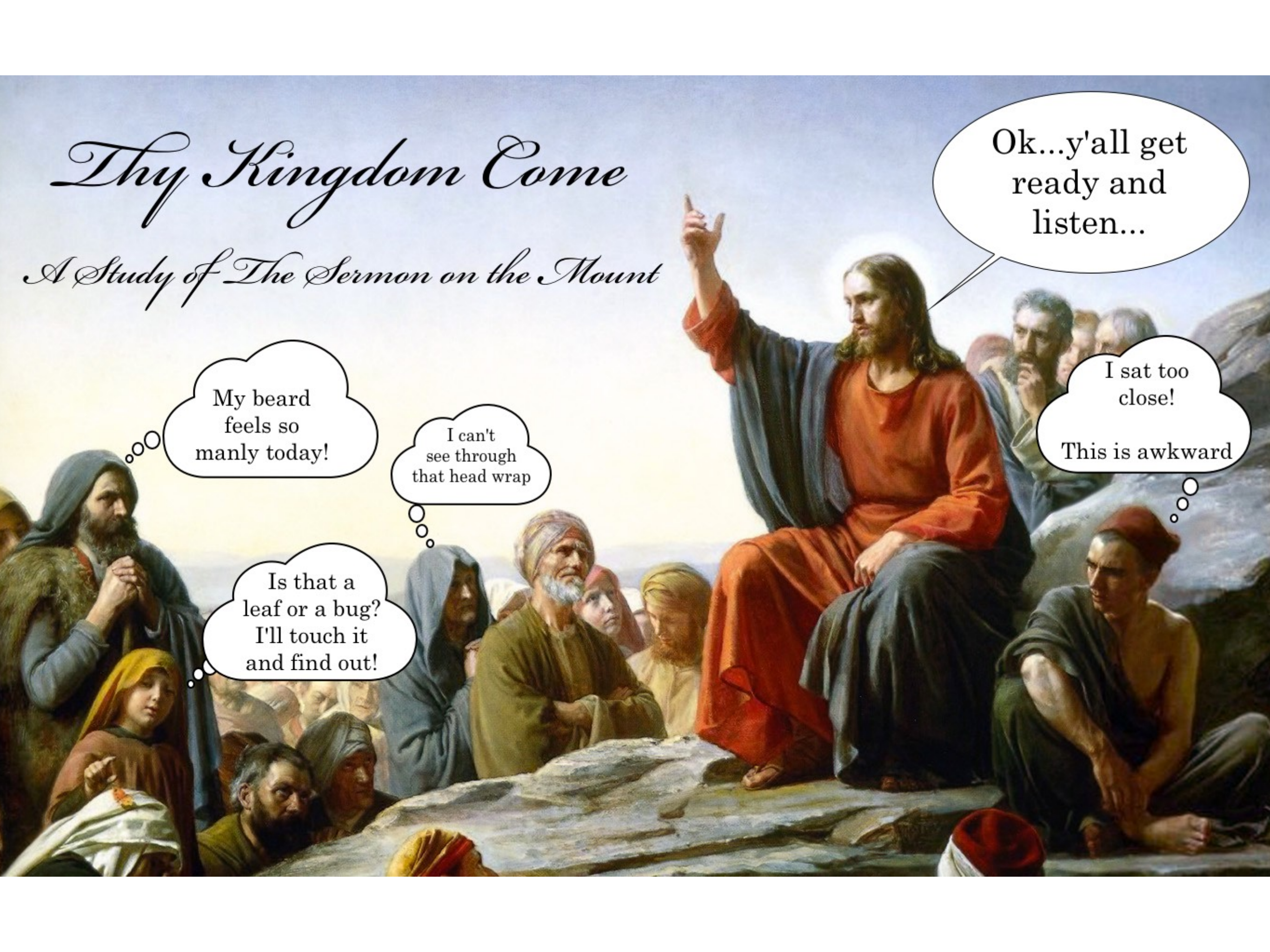


Thy Kingdom Come

A Study of The Sermon on the Mount



Ok...y'all get ready and listen...

My beard feels so manly today!

I can't see through that head wrap

Is that a leaf or a bug? I'll touch it and find out!

I sat too close!

This is awkward



The Why and the How

Why Study the Sermon on the Mount

- A vision and practical wisdom for living out the witness of Christ in a fallen world. A rubric for decision making for followers of Christ.
- An example of who we are called to be *and* how we should act.

How We'll Study the Sermon on the Mount

- Understanding that the Sermon takes place within a context of wisdom from many places.
- The Sermon is a continuation of the Law and the Prophets.
- The Sermon must be viewed within the gospel of Matthew as a whole.
- It is a poetic text by nature.
- It has an eye toward eternity. It is eschatological - already, not yet.
- It is a ladder to be climbed. We are called to grow in it.
- It is intricately linked to the person of Jesus.

Some Important Points on Matthew's Gospel

Matthew's Gospel and The Sermon

- Jesus = New Moses
- Triads, but not the Mafia kind
- Jesus has determined his calling and has called disciples as well as drawn crowds by this point in the gospel
- First of five discourses for Matthew

Structure of the Sermon on the Mount

Sermon's Structure

- Introduction
 - Blessings
 - Law and Prophets
 - Jesus and Torah
 - Almsgiving, PRAYER, and Fasting
 - Social Issues
 - Law and Prophets
 - Warning
- Conclusions

Setting of the Sermon on the Mount

- Jesus ascends the mountain like Moses
- Jesus sits down to set the stage
- Some disciples draw close
- Who is the target audience?

Next Week: Beatitudes