

The Sermon on the Mount (watercolor)
James Jacques Tissot (1886-1896)

THE BEATITUDES

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. *2* Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 'Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

5 'Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

6 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 'Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.

8 'Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

9 'Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

10 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for
righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

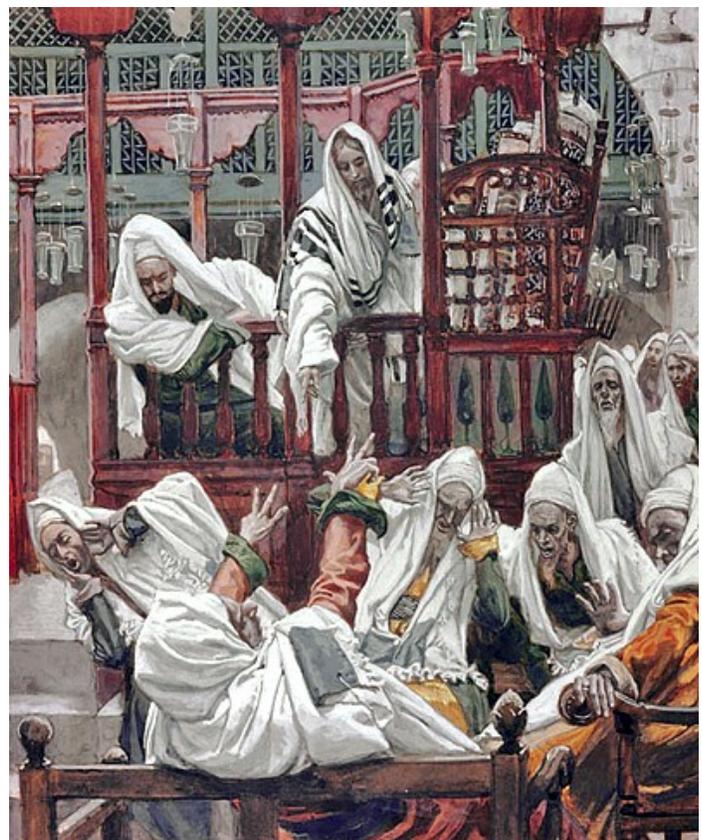
11 'Blessed are you when people revile you and
persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you
falsely on my account. *12* Rejoice and be glad, for
your reward is great in heaven,
for in the same way they persecuted the prophets
who were before you. NRSV Matthew 5:1-12

MATERIAL UNIQUE TO MATTHEW CONTINUED

- **The Antitheses (Contrasts)** (5:21-24, 27-29, 31,33-38, 43)
- **On Practicing Piety** (6:1-15, 16-19)
- **Pearls before Swine** (7:6)

JESUS, THE "NEW" MOSES

- Parallel to Moses going up Mt. Sinai to receive the Torah.
- Jesus' teachings speak of the permanence of the law and the resulting obligation of the disciples to obey and teach it. Jesus challenges followers to aspire to the higher righteousness of the Kingdom.

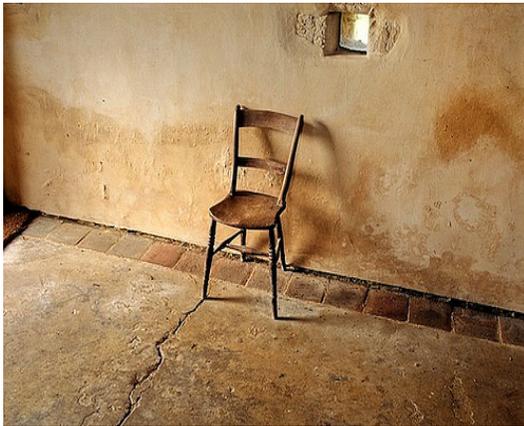


Healing of the Demoniac in the Synagogue

James Tissot



*8 When Jesus had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed him;² and there was a leper who came to him and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean.'³ He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.
NRSV Matthew 8:1-3*



Leper's Squint Hampshire, England
P.J. Jewitt (2008)

Hagioscope (or squint): An architectural feature in an exterior wall that allowed lepers or other non-desirables the ability to watch the service without coming into contact with the congregation.

OT ECHOES: SUFFERING SERVANT (Isaiah 49-53)

The Suffering Servant scripture passages are Godly words of comfort that were written to those in Babylonian exile. In addition, Christians believe that:

- Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of prophecy, and is the Suffering Servant.
 1. *Light and salvation are extended to the Gentiles*
 2. *Jesus Christ bears the sin of all and makes intercession for law breakers.*

TRUE & FALSE RELIGION CONTRASTED

Matthew 7	Discipleship	Lawlessness
Two gates (7:13-14)	Narrow gate	Wide gate
	Difficult Way	Broad way
	Life	Destruction
	Few	Many
Two trees/ fruits (7:15-23)	True prophets (implied)	False prophets
	Sheep	Wolves
	Good trees	Bad trees (thorns, thistles)
	Good fruit (grapes, figs)	Bad fruit
	Life (implied)	Judgment (fire)
	Doing the Father's will	Saying "Lord, Lord..."
Two builders/ foundations (7:24-27)	Wise person	Foolish person
	Hears/obeys Jesus	Hears/does not obey Jesus
	House built on rock	House built on sand
	House stands during flood	House falls during flood

PATTERNS IN CHAPTERS 8-9

Jesus' miracles and healing of the physically sick in this section are an outward demonstration of his authority over sin and ability to forgive it for all people (Jew and Gentile).

1. *Healing the man with leprosy*
2. *Healing the Centurion's servant*
3. *Peter's mother-in-law*
4. *Calming the storm*
5. *Healing two demon-possessed men*
6. *Healing the paralyzed man*
7. *Healing the bleeding woman*
8. *Raising the dead girl*
9. *Healing a third demon-possessed man*