

# The public teaching, preaching, messages, sermons, and homilies of Jesus

The New Testament presents several **public messages, sermons, and homilies of Jesus** that reveal His teaching ministry. These are often thematic discourses, sometimes in parable form, and are among the best-preserved examples of His public preaching. Here's a structured overview of His main public messages:

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## 1. The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5–7; cf. Luke 6:17–49)

- **Content:** The Beatitudes, moral teachings, the Lord's Prayer, warnings against hypocrisy, teachings on love, forgiveness, giving, prayer, fasting, and trust in God.
  - **Theme:** The ethics and character of the Kingdom of God; righteousness that surpasses outward religiosity.
  - **Key message:** God values humility, mercy, purity, and love for enemies.
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## 2. The Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:17–49)

- Similar to the Sermon on the Mount but shorter.
  - **Content:** Blessings and woes, love for enemies, the Golden Rule, warnings against judgment, the parable of the two builders.
  - **Theme:** Radical love and reversal of worldly values.
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## 3. Kingdom Parables (Matthew 13; Mark 4; Luke 8)

- **Examples:** The Sower, Wheat and Tares, Mustard Seed, Hidden Treasure, Pearl of Great Price, Net.
  - **Theme:** The mystery, growth, and judgment of the Kingdom of Heaven.
  - **Key message:** The Kingdom starts small but grows; not all will receive it; it requires total commitment.
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## 4. The Bread of Life Discourse (John 6:22–59)

- Delivered after feeding the 5,000.
- **Theme:** Jesus as the true bread from heaven.

- **Key message:** Faith in Him brings eternal life; “Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life.”
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### 5. The Good Shepherd Discourse (John 10:1–18)

- **Theme:** Jesus as the shepherd who knows His sheep and lays down His life for them.
  - **Key message:** Unlike false shepherds, He sacrifices Himself for His flock.
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### 6. The Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24–25; Mark 13; Luke 21)

- Preached on the Mount of Olives before His Passion.
  - **Theme:** The destruction of the Temple, signs of the end times, final judgment.
  - **Key message:** Be watchful, ready, and faithful, for the Son of Man will return unexpectedly.
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### 7. The Upper Room Discourse (John 13–17)

- Spoken privately to His disciples, but a “homily” of sorts before His arrest.
  - **Theme:** Love, unity, service, the coming of the Holy Spirit.
  - **Key message:** “A new commandment I give you: Love one another as I have loved you.”
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### 8. Woes to the Pharisees and Scribes (Matthew 23)

- **Theme:** Condemnation of hypocrisy, spiritual pride, and legalism.
  - **Key message:** True greatness is serving others, not exalting oneself.
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### 9. Public Proclamations in Synagogues and Temples

- **Luke 4:16–30 (Nazareth synagogue):** Announces Himself as the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy.
- **John 7–8 (Temple in Jerusalem):** Teaches about living water, light of the world, truth setting people free.

- **Key message:** He is the fulfillment of God’s promises and source of eternal life.
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## 10. The Beatitudes & Blessings (Matthew 5:3–12; Luke 6:20–23)

- **Theme:** God’s blessing rests not on the rich or powerful but on the poor in spirit, meek, merciful, persecuted.
  - **Key message:** God’s Kingdom belongs to those who are humble and faithful.
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## Summary of His Public Preaching

- **Focus:** The Kingdom of God/Heaven, repentance, forgiveness, love, faith, humility, and preparation for God’s judgment.
- **Style:** Sermons, parables, symbolic actions, sharp rebukes, and compassionate invitations.
- **Impact:** His messages were both comforting to the poor and marginalized, and confrontational to the powerful and religious elite.

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## Admonitions of Jesus

### 1. Follow Me

- **Matthew 4:19; Luke 9:23**

“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

“If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me.”

- **Meaning:** The core of discipleship is not just learning teachings, but *walking with and imitating Jesus*, even to the point of suffering.
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### 2. Love One Another

- **John 13:34–35**

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

- **Meaning:** Mutual love and unity were to be the disciples’ defining mark, distinguishing them from the world.
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### 3. Abide in Me

- **John 15:4–5**

“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me... apart from Me you can do nothing.”

- **Meaning:** Their strength, fruitfulness, and mission depend entirely on staying connected to Him.
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### 4. Go and Preach / Make Disciples

- **Matthew 10:7–8; Matthew 28:18–20**

“Proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons.”

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

- **Meaning:** Their calling was missionary—taking His message and authority to the world.
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### 5. Be Watchful and Prayerful

- **Matthew 26:41; Luke 21:36**

“Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

- **Meaning:** They needed vigilance and prayer, both for spiritual endurance and for preparing for His return.
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## 6. Serve, Don't Seek Power

- **Matthew 20:26–28; John 13:14–15**

“Whoever would be great among you must be your servant... even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.”

After washing their feet: “You also ought to wash one another’s feet.”

- **Meaning:** Leadership in His Kingdom is grounded in humility and service, not ambition or status.
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## 7. Fear Not, Have Faith

- **John 14:1; Mark 4:40**

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me.”

“Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?”

- **Meaning:** Their confidence was to rest in Him, not circumstances.
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### **Summary for the disciples:**

The heart of His admonitions to them was:

- **Follow Me** (commitment)
- **Love one another** (unity)
- **Abide in Me** (dependence)
- **Go and make disciples** (mission)
- **Watch, pray, and serve** (humility and readiness)

## The Discipleship Rule of Life (from Jesus's Admonitions)

### 1. Follow Me Daily

- *“If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me.”* (Luke 9:23)
  - **Rule:** Lay down your will, ambitions, and fears; live in step with Jesus's example and teaching every day.
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## 2. Love One Another as I Have Loved You

- *“By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”* (John 13:35)
  - **Rule:** Treat fellow disciples with Christlike patience, forgiveness, and sacrificial love, showing the world who you belong to.
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## 3. Abide in Me

- *“Abide in Me, and I in you... apart from Me you can do nothing.”* (John 15:4–5)
  - **Rule:** Stay spiritually connected to Jesus through prayer, obedience, and reliance on His Spirit, drawing strength from Him.
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## 4. Go and Make Disciples

- *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...”* (Matthew 28:19–20)
  - **Rule:** Proclaim the Kingdom, teach His commands, and lead others into baptism, faith, and obedience.
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## 5. Serve, Not Rule

- *“Whoever would be great among you must be your servant.”* (Matthew 20:26)
  - **Rule:** Take the lowly place, serving others humbly and generously, just as Jesus washed their feet.
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## 6. Watch and Pray

- *“Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”* (Matthew 26:41)
  - **Rule:** Stay alert to sin, temptation, and spiritual danger; cultivate a habit of prayer and vigilance until His return.
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## 7. Do Not Fear, Only Believe

- *“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me.”* (John 14:1)
- **Rule:** Live with courage and trust in God, not controlled by fear, but anchored in faith that Jesus is with you.

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✨ **Summary:**

A disciple of Jesus is one who **follows Him daily, loves others sacrificially, abides in Him continually, makes disciples faithfully, serves humbly, prays watchfully, and believes courageously.**