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“Meet Your King”

Summary of ‘The Call to Change the World’

Matthew 5:13-16

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D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones once said, ‘The glory of the gospel is that when the Church is absolutely different from the world, she invariably attracts it. It is then that the world is made to listen to her message, though it may hate it at first.’ That is a wonderful summary of what we learn from Jesus here in the opening of the Sermon on the Mount. If we embody the Beatitudes and model the Sermon, the world takes notice and takes action. The world will either hate us for being holy, or, by means of our godliness, it will taste and see that God is good and thus worthy of praise. So, how are we who belong to the Kingdom of God to live in this world? How can we live in a way that will make an impact for God’s glory among men? Jesus uses two pictures drawn from the everyday world of his time to illustrate what it means to live as a Christian in our world: Christians are like salt; Christians are like light. What salt and light were to life in first-century Palestine, Christians are to the society in which they live.