



# Session 2: Worldview and Bridge-Building

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**What's a  
worldview?**



ILLUMINATION PRESENTS

# DESPICABLE ME 2

FILM CLIP



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Challenge: Can you state the gospel in one minute? Turn to a neighbor and try...





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- ❖ Be familiar with other (relevant) worldviews.

	Christianity	Islam	Judaism	Latter-Day Saints	Jehovah's Witnesses	Atheists	Hinduism	Buddhism
# of Adherents Worldwide	2.4 billion	1.9 billion	14.7 million	16.6 million	8 million	About 250 million	1.2 billion	535 million
	213 million in U.S.	3.45 million in U.S.	5.7 million in U.S.	6.59 million in U.S.	1.2 million in U.S.	*3-9% of Americans	766K in U.S.	1.2 million in U.S.
Holy book(s)	Bible  *Apocrypha	Qur'an  Torah  Some Psalms  hadiths	Hebrew Bible, including the Torah  Talmud (rabbinic teachings)  Siddur (prayers)	Bible (KJV)  Book of Mormon  Pearl of Great Price  Doctrines & Covenants	Bible (New World Translation)  Anything published by the Watchtower Organization	None  *Origin of the Species	Bhagavad Gita  Vedas	Buddhist texts  (Buddhavacana)
Deity	God	God (Allah)	God (Yahweh)	God	God	*None	33 million	Many (called devas)
Trinity?	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Founder	Jesus	Muhammad	Abraham	Joseph Smith	Charles Taze Russell	None  *Hume, Darwin, Nietzsche	Multiple	Siddhartha Gautama (The Buddha)
Place of Worship	Church	Mosque	Synagogue	Ward  Temple	Kingdom Hall	None or various	Temple	Temple
Jesus Christ	Savior, Son of God, God	Prophet	Teacher, not the Messiah	Literal son of God, subordinate to the Father	Archangel Michael, minor god	Most say he did exist. Not God.	A holy man, and a god.	Teacher
Salvation	Jesus Christ. Grace.	Works. Up to Allah	No original sin. The law.	Atonement BUT works.	Works. Little flock (144,000) and great crowd.	None or enlightenment through reason	3 paths to moksha	Nirvana
Monotheism?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No. Henotheism	Yes	No	No	No



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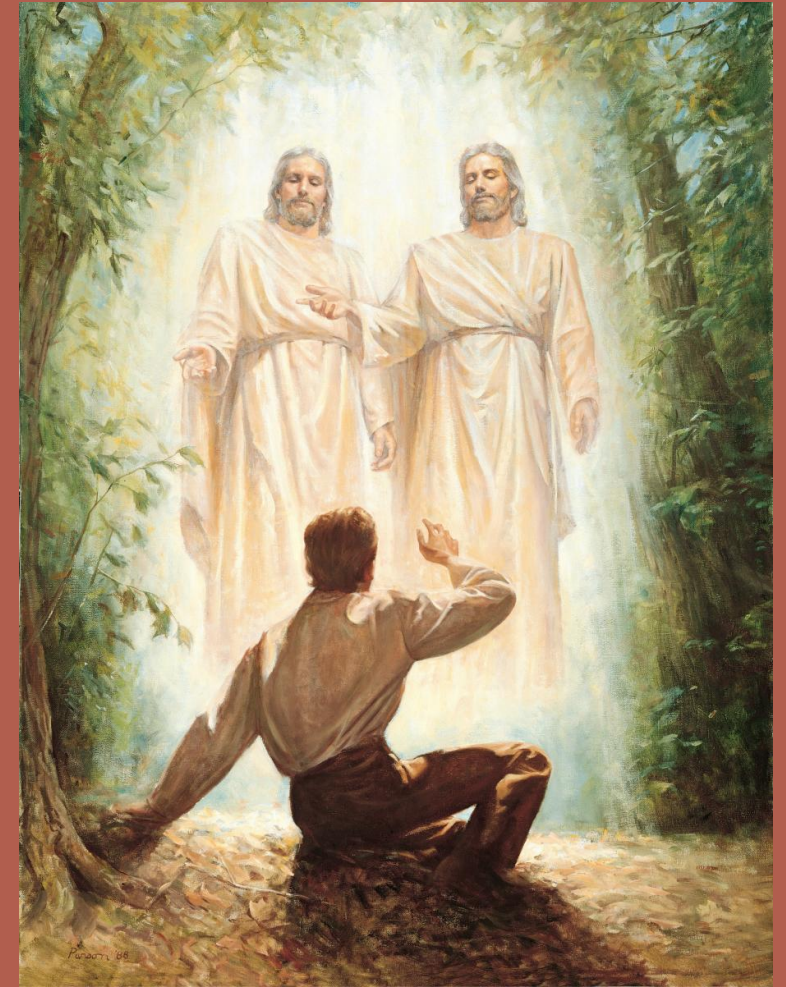


# Latter-Day Saints Core Beliefs

- Joseph Smith
- Holy books
- God
- Jesus
- Salvation
- Eternity



# Joseph Smith







Temple in Kirtland, OH



Temple in Nauvoo, IL

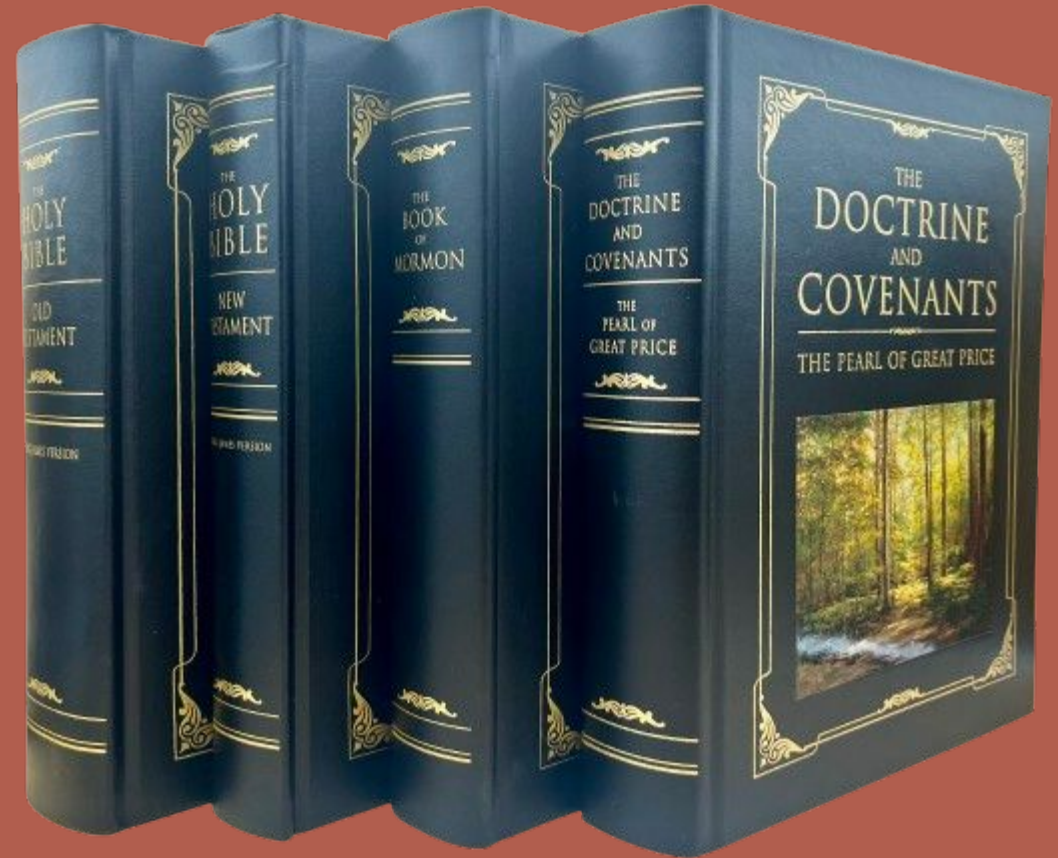
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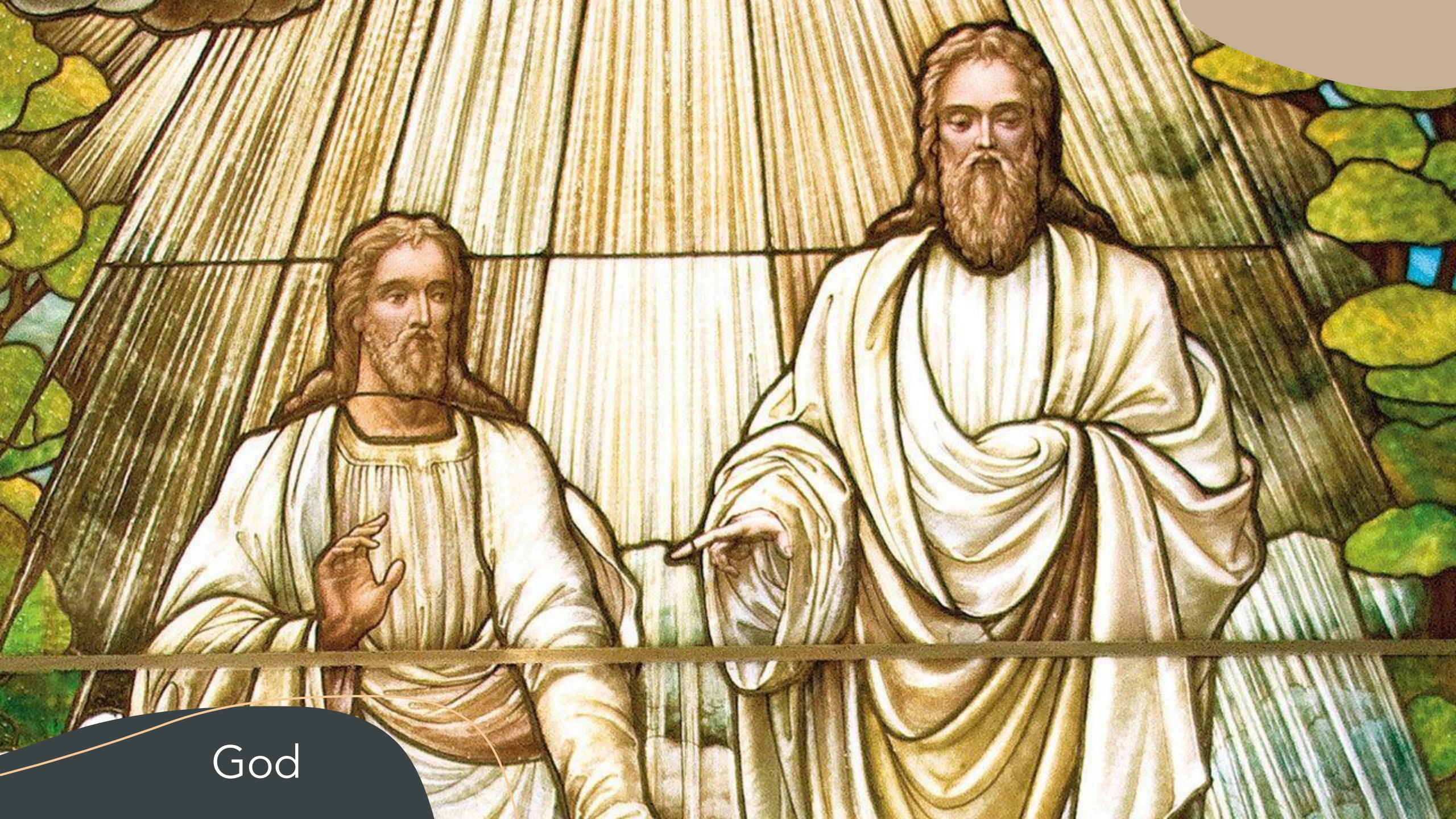
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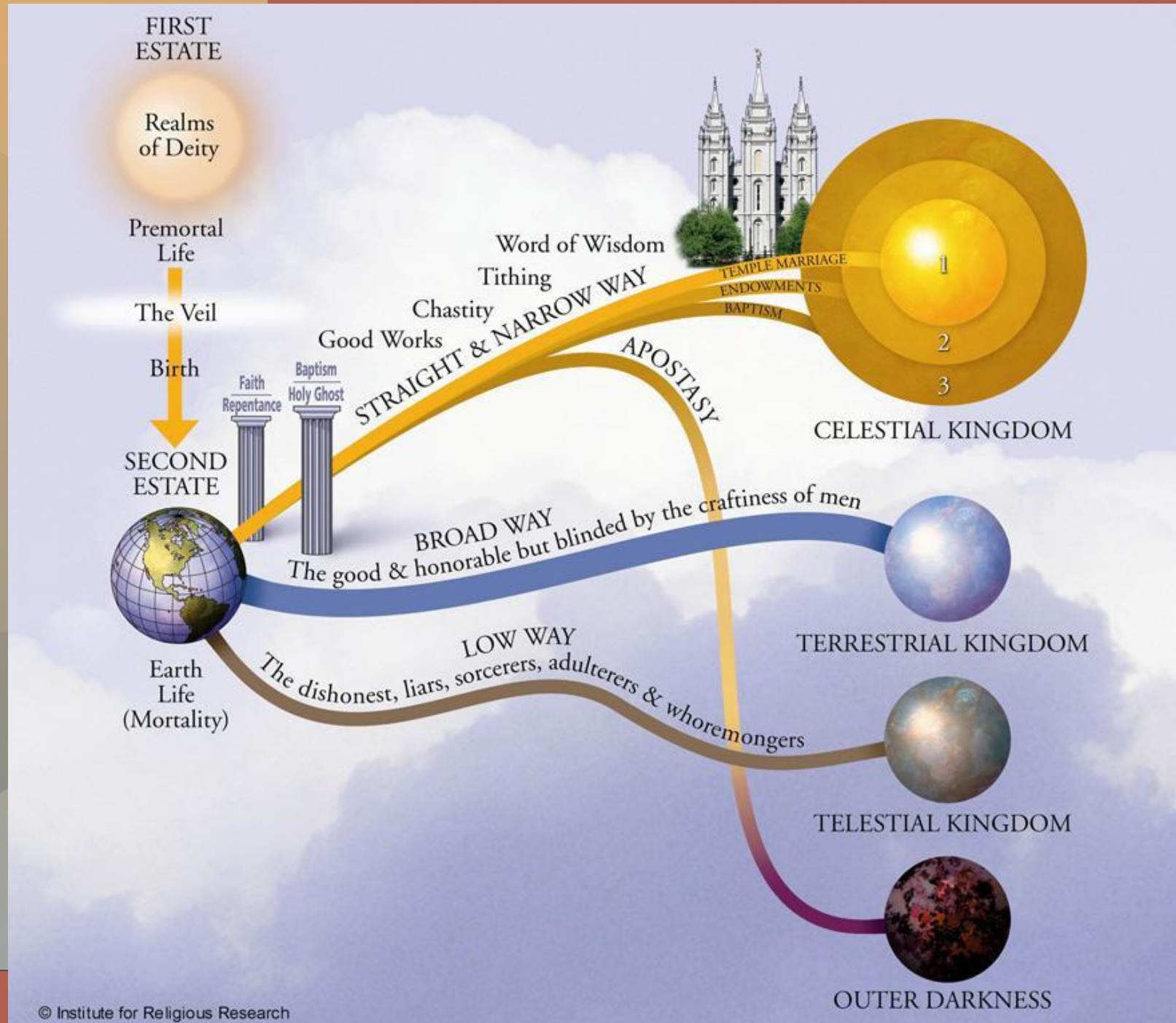


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# Eternity





Bridge-Building  
: Consider  
examples like  
Jesus





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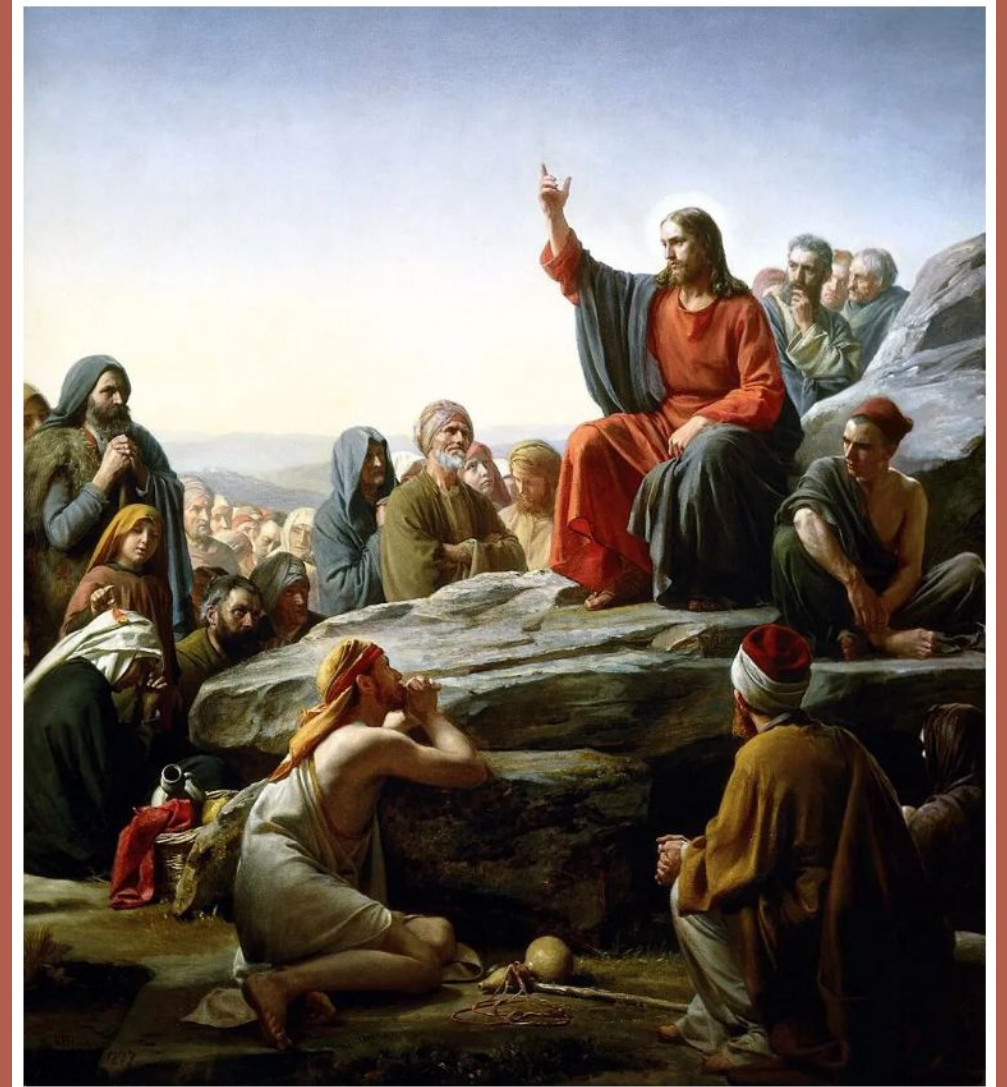
#2 Love people

"Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Matthew

22:37-39



"Sermon on the Mount," Carl Bloch,

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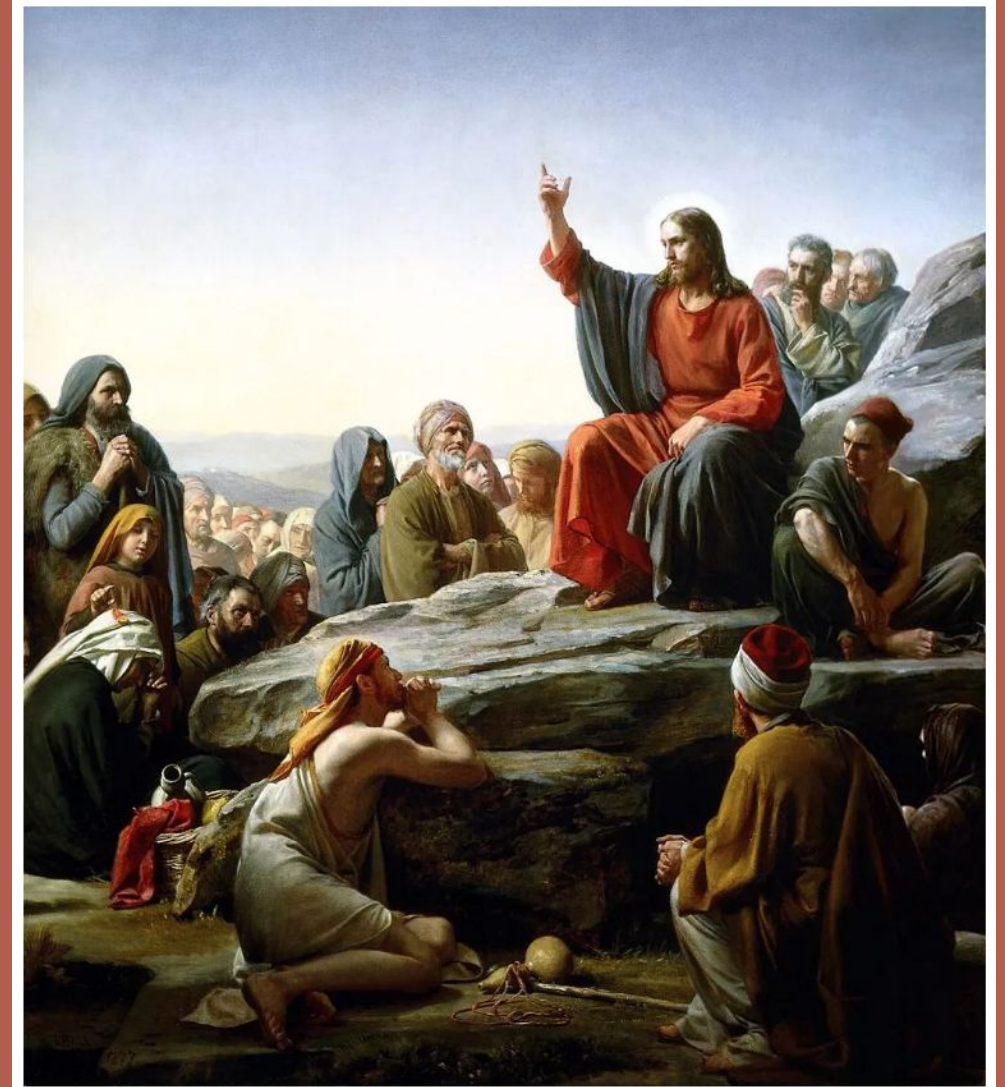
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#3 Be gentle

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Matthew 11:29



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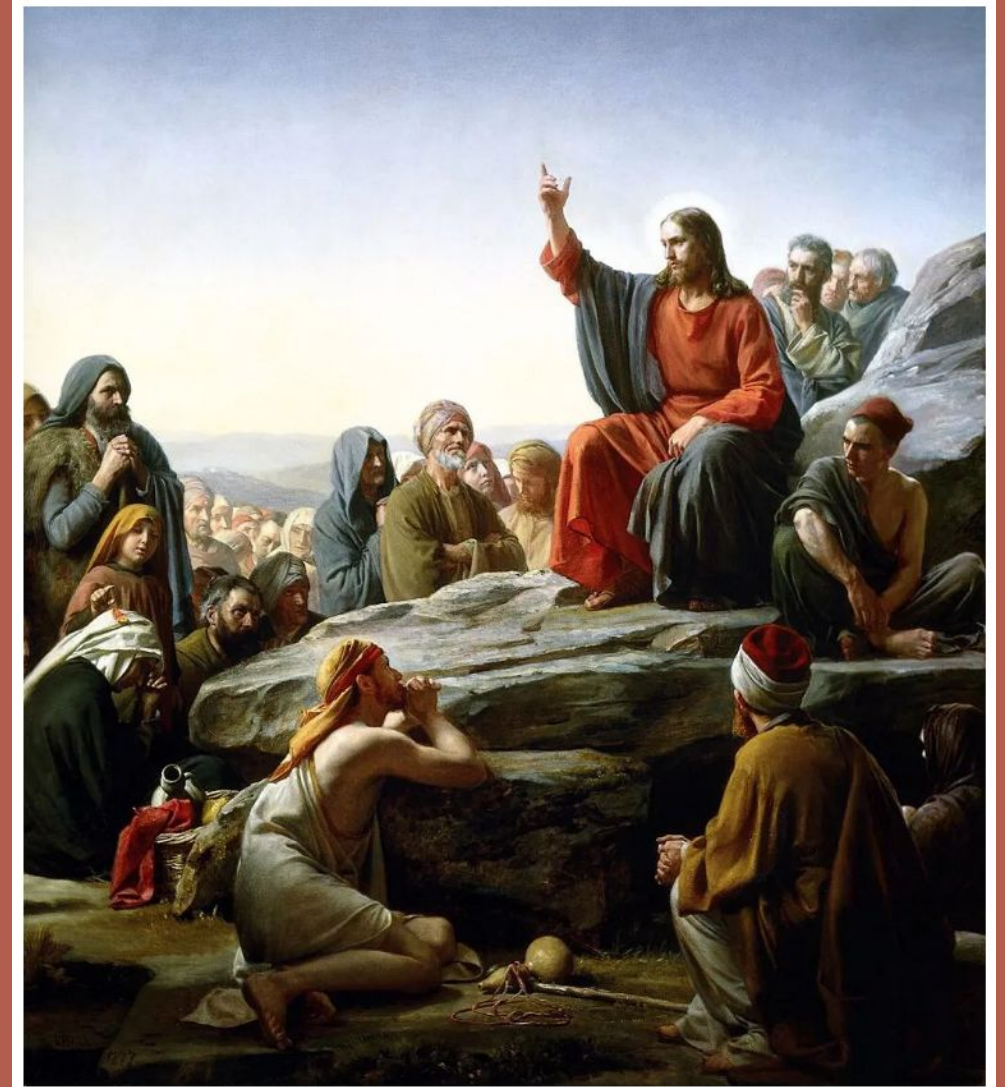
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#4 Bring people together

"Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20



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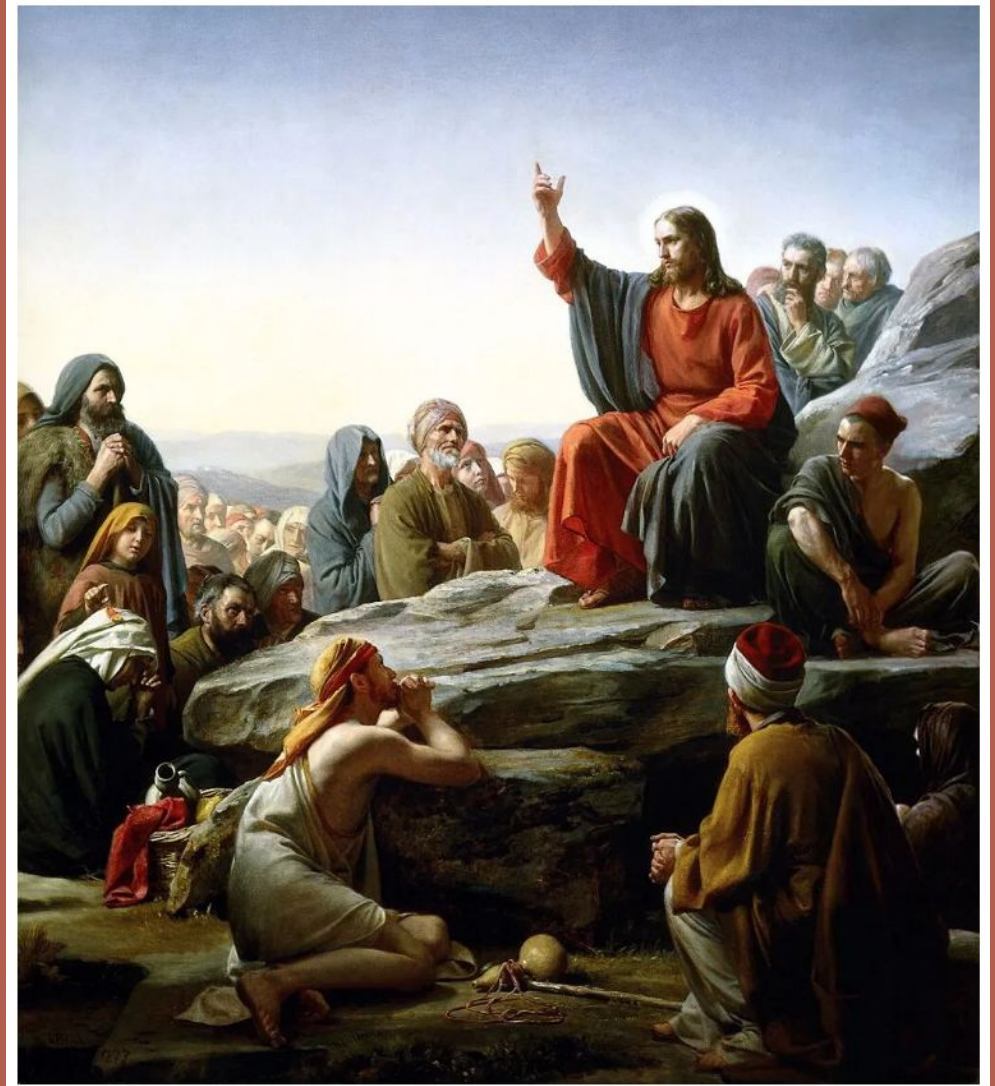
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John 4:13-14



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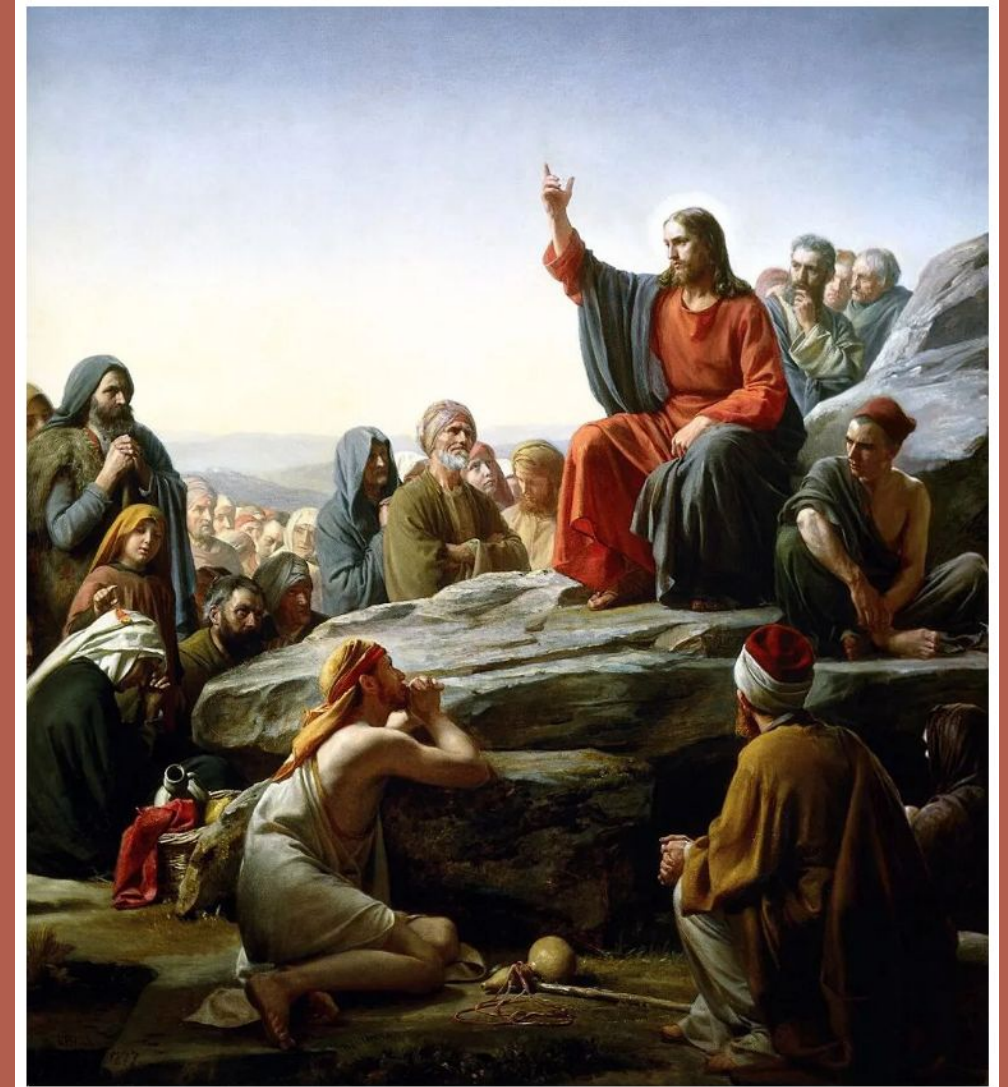
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Matthew 28:18-20



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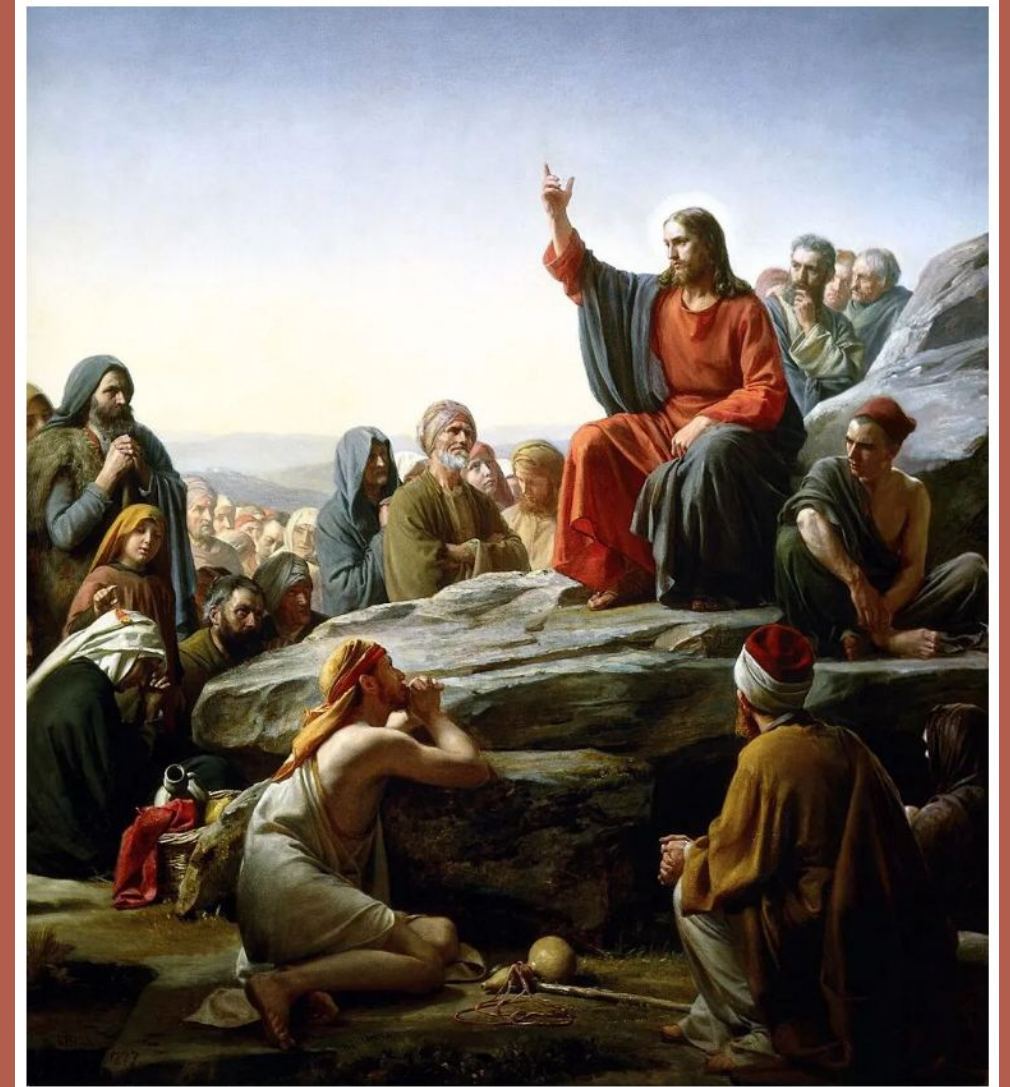
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Bonus: Balance truth and love.

Example: Thomas



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- ❖ Pray.



# Pray, pray, pray

1

Pray like  
Jesus

2

Pray like  
Paul

3

Pray like the  
Psalmists

4

Pray like  
Leslie  
Strobel

5

Leave room  
for the Holy  
Spirit



# Recommended Resources

