

# "KINGDOM UPSIDE DOWN"

## Kingdom Upside Down—Part 1

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**Colossians 1:13**—"For He has rescued us from the DOMINION OF DARKNESS and brought us into the KINGDOM OF THE SON HE LOVES."

**Matthew 4:23-25**

### Three Key Reasons for the Sermon on the Mount:

#### 1. To emphasize Jesus' priority of \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Mark 1:38**—" (Emp. Added) - "Let us go to the nearby villages so I can PREACH there. THAT IS WHY I HAVE COME!"

**Matthew 4:23** – "Jesus went throughout Galilee, **teaching** in their synagogues, **proclaiming the good news** of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people."

#### 2. To clear up \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Matthew 4:24-25** (Emp. Added) - "News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. <sup>25</sup> Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him."

### 3. To emphasize the \_\_\_\_\_ of discipleship.

**Matthew 5:1-2** (Emp. Added) —“Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach **THEM**.”

#### **FAMILY FOCUS:**

1. What are the three main reasons given for why Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount.
2. In what ways does Jesus call His followers to live differently from those who are not of His Kingdom?
3. What does it mean to avoid “comfortable Christianity that costs you nothing”? How can we encourage each other to pursue genuine discipleship?