



sermon on
the mount

Following Jesus in All Things

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On Earth as it is in Heaven

Matthew 5:1-2

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Fulfillment of the Law

Matthew 5:17-20

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Beatitudes I

Matthew 5:3-6

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Murder and Anger

Matthew 5:21-26

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Beatitudes II

Matthew 5:7-11

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Adultery and Divorce

Matthew 5:27-32

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Salt and Light

Matthew 5:13-16

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WHAT HAS KEPT ME
from experiencing the
fullness and warmth of
God's presence and
the nourishment of
His instruction?



A Prayer for 2024

...that God would unite
us through our:

1. shared spiritual
neediness
2. common hunger to
know Him more



Events of Jesus' Early Life

Born in Bethlehem




Circumcised and named *Jesus*

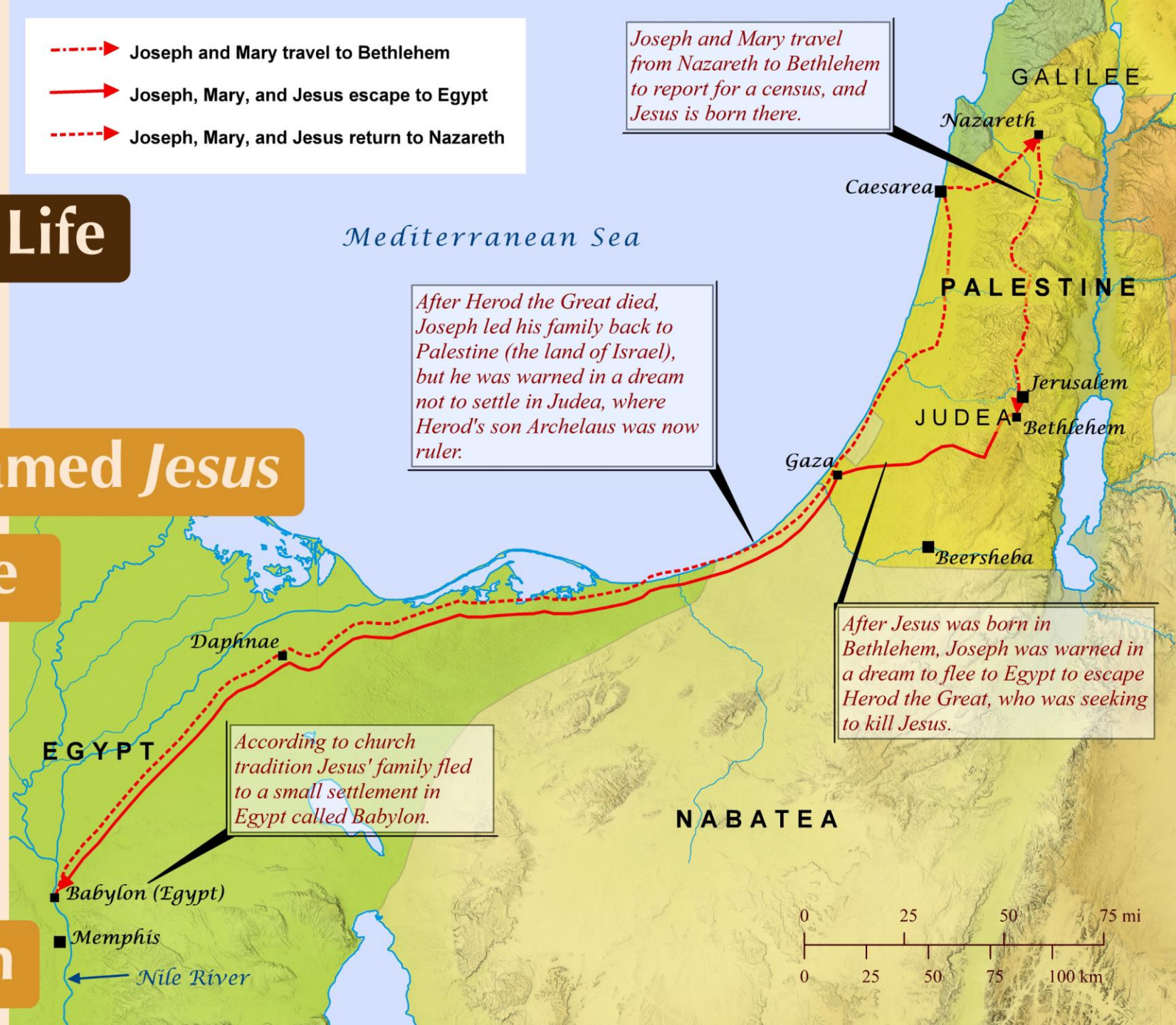
Presented at Temple
(in Jerusalem)

Visited by Magi

Flees to Egypt

Returns to Nazareth

-  Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem
-  Joseph, Mary, and Jesus escape to Egypt
-  Joseph, Mary, and Jesus return to Nazareth



Joseph and Mary travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem to report for a census, and Jesus is born there.

After Herod the Great died, Joseph led his family back to Palestine (the land of Israel), but he was warned in a dream not to settle in Judea, where Herod's son Archelaus was now ruler.

According to church tradition Jesus' family fled to a small settlement in Egypt called Babylon.

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Joseph was warned in a dream to flee to Egypt to escape Herod the Great, who was seeking to kill Jesus.

Events of Jesus' Galilean Ministry

Baptized in the Jordan

Tempted in the desert

Calls His disciples

Turns water to wine at Cana

Rejected at Nazareth


Preaches Sermon on Mount



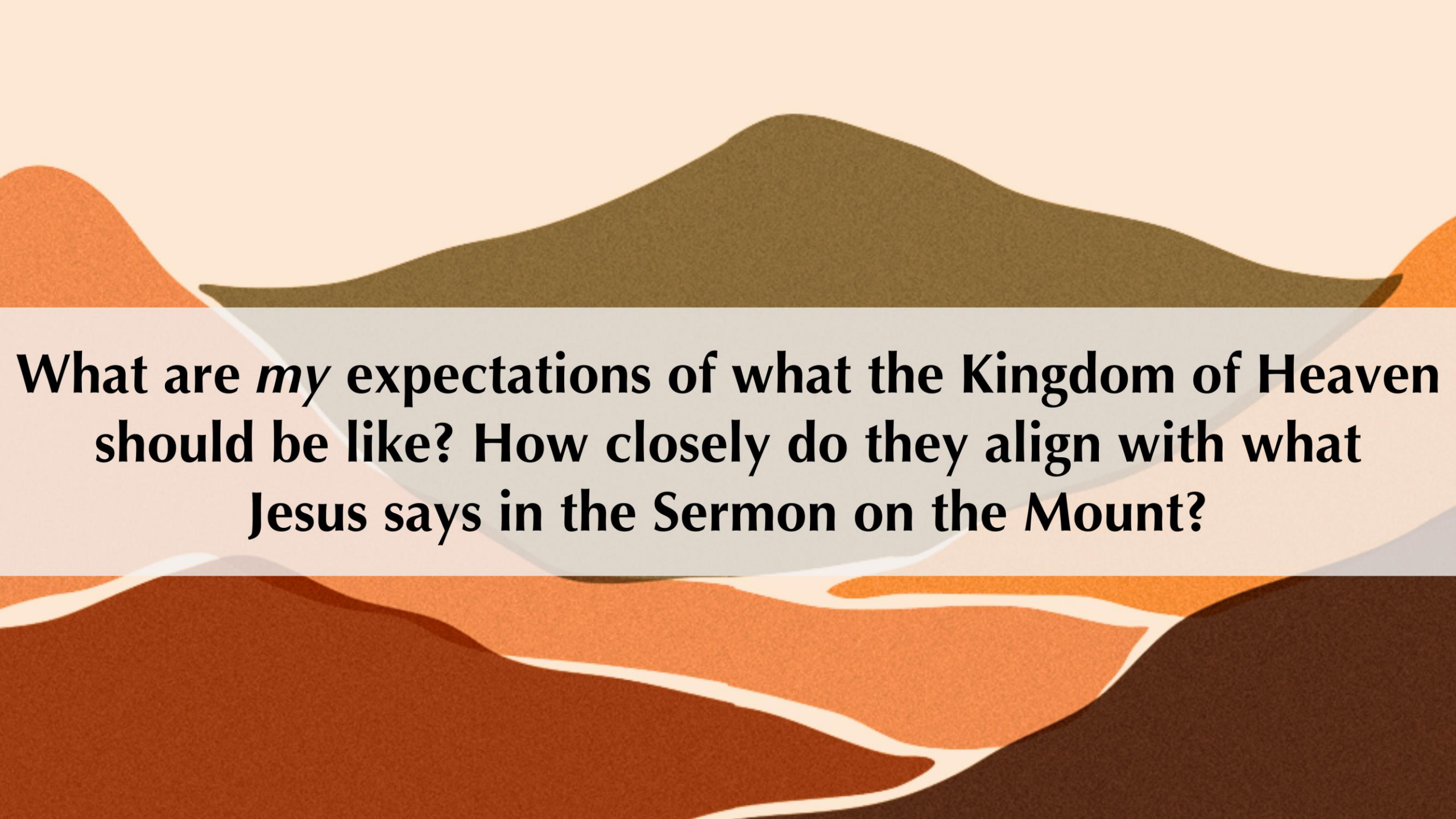


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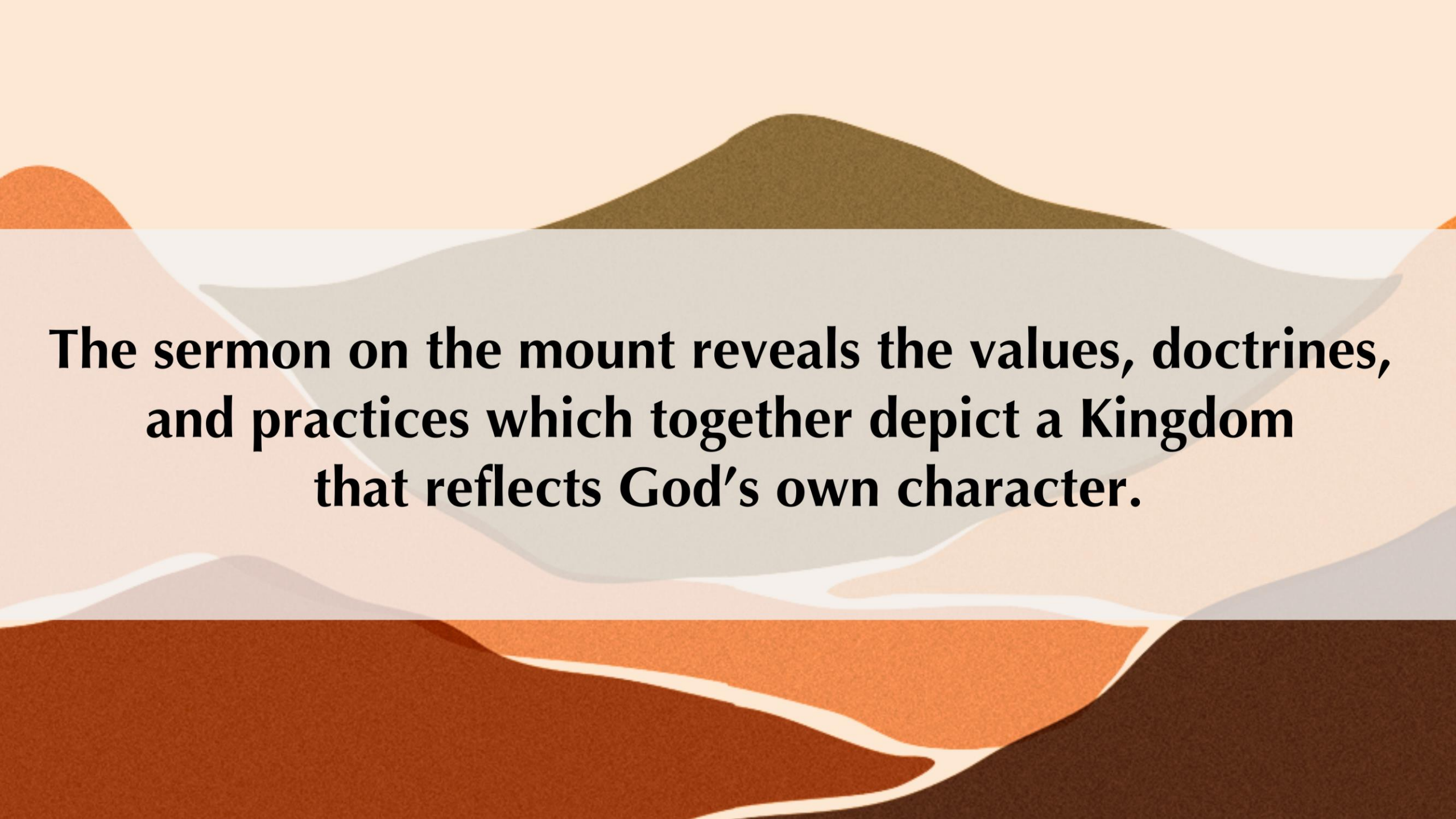
**From that time on Jesus began to preach, saying,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”**

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Constitution: the ethics, rules, and practices which form the fundamental organizing principle of a political state.



What are *my* expectations of what the Kingdom of Heaven should be like? How closely do they align with what Jesus says in the Sermon on the Mount?



**The sermon on the mount reveals the values, doctrines,
and practices which together depict a Kingdom
that reflects God's own character.**

The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...

The Beatitudes (Those who are blessed)

Salt and Light

Relational health and harmony, and security

Truth-telling in all things and at all times


Non-resistant love—even towards enemies

Radical generosity and humility in devotion (prayer/fasting)

Eternal perspective on material resources

Total dependency on God (surrender and trust)



An abstract landscape illustration featuring stylized mountains and a valley. The top part shows a large, dark olive-green mountain peak. Below it, a light grey, semi-transparent banner contains the text. The bottom part of the image shows a valley with various shades of orange and brown, suggesting a field or a path. The overall style is minimalist and modern.

HOW DO I RESPOND
to the Sermon on the Mount?

Humanly speaking, we could understand and interpret the Sermon on the Mount in a thousand different ways. Jesus knows only one possibility: simple surrender and obedience, not interpreting it or applying it, but doing and obeying it. That is the only way to hear his word. He does not mean that it is to be discussed as an ideal; he really means us to get on with it.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer; *The Cost of Discipleship*

We shall not believe, they said, that the Sermon on the Mount or any other vision that He had is only a heavenly vision meant but to keep His followers in tension until the last great day, but we shall practice what He taught, believing that where He walked we can by his grace follow in His steps.

Harold S. Bender; *The Anabaptist Vision*

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