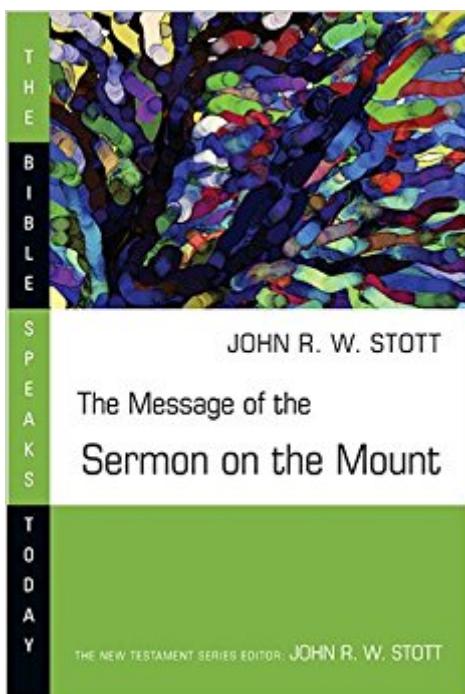


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# The Message Of The Sermon On The Mount (Matthew 5-7 : Christian Counter-Culture)



## Synopsis

"The followers of Jesus are to different," writes John Stott, "different from both the nominal church and the secular world, different from both the religious and the irreligious. The Sermon on the Mount is the most complete delineation anywhere in the New Testament of the Christian counter-culture. Here is a Christian value-system, ethical standard, religious devotion, attitude to money, ambition, lifestyle and network of relationships--all of which are totally at variance with those in the non-Christian world. And this Christian counter-culture is the life of the kingdom of God, a fully human life indeed but lived out under the divine rule." In this careful exposition of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, John R. W. Stott accurately expounds the biblical text and relates it to life today. Above all, the author says, he wants to let Christ speak this sermon again, this time to the modern world.

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John R. W. Stott (1921-2011) has been known worldwide as a preacher, evangelist and communicator of Scripture. For many years he served as rector of All Souls Church in London, where he carried out an effective urban pastoral ministry. A leader among evangelicals in Britain, the United States and around the world, Stott was a principal framer of the landmark Lausanne Covenant (1974). His many books have sold millions of copies around the world and in dozens of languages. Stott's best-known work, *Basic Christianity*, has sold two million copies and has been translated into more than 60 languages. Other titles include *The Cross of Christ*, *Understanding the*

Bible, The Contemporary Christian, Evangelical Truth, Issues Facing Christians Today, The Incomparable Christ, Why I Am a Christian and Through the Bible Through the Year, a daily devotional. He has also written eight volumes in The Bible Speaks Today series of New Testament expositions. Whether in the West or in the Two-Thirds World, a hallmark of Stott's ministry has been expository preaching that addresses the hearts and minds of contemporary men and women. Stott was honored by Time magazine in 2005 as one of the "100 Most Influential People in the World" and was named in the Queen's New Years Honours list as Commander of the Order of the British Empire. In 1969, Stott founded the Langham Trust to fund scholarships for young evangelical leaders from the Majority World. He then founded the Evangelical Literature Trust, which provided books for students, pastors and theological libraries in the Majority World. These two trusts continued as independent charities until 2001, when they were joined as a single charity: the Langham Partnership. Langham's vision continues today to see churches in the Majority World equipped for mission and growing to maturity in Christ through nurturing national movements for biblical preaching, fostering the creation and distribution of evangelical literature, and enhancing evangelical theological education.

This makes an excellent Bible study. There are references to Old Testament law that help students understand Jesus' words. The author clearly states when Jesus uses harsh words, such as plucking out an offending eye, as dramatic example of the severity of sin, but not to be taken literally. LifeGuide has an accompany study guide leaders can use for study questions.

Wheaton College New Testament Professor Dr. Gary Burge recommended this book during a teaching session at Willow Creek Community Church. I have been totally pleased with the depth of research used for the book, for the ease of reading and for how Stott's book has enlightened my understanding of this key teaching of Jesus. My wife and I have been reading a chapter out loud each night.

I know of John Stott and have heard quotes from him but this is a great book. A lot more heady than have studied recently but challenged me and put some things in context that I have not heard before. Using this as a mixed group bible study and am really enjoying it.

It was very good to read again, after so many years, and to wonder just how much the content of the first read has stood me in good stead.

Fantastic book. Read in conjunction with a study on the Sermon on the Mount was immensely helpful.

Excellent reading for those who want to further your understanding of The Sermon On The Mount

Very well written. should A Christian in 2015 obey these teaching's? buy you one you want be disappointed never look at sermon on mount in same way again!

Stott provides an in depth analysis of the single most important teaching Jesus provided to His flock without going to deeply into the murky realm of academic analysis. He provides a better, more practical understanding of this foundation of Christianity that was helpful to me.

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