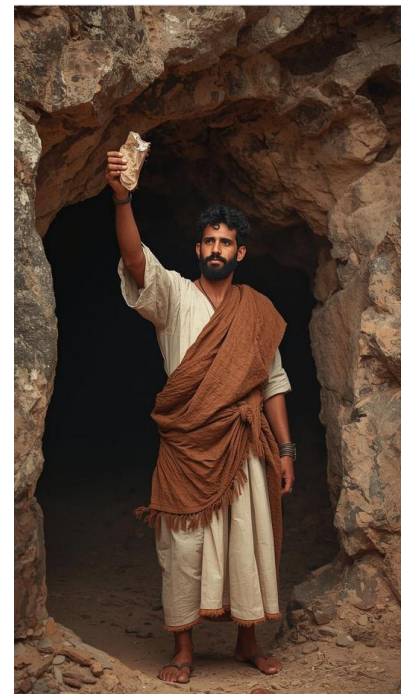




- Most popular songs have something *iconic* that stands out more than other parts of the song. There are many components to the Christian faith. The sermon on the mount is iconic Jesus!
 - Blessed are the poor in Spirit – humility about our faith and status in the world (5:3).
 - Blessed are those who mourn – mourning for the same things God mourns over (5:4).
 - Blessed are the meek or gentle – we are not to be conquerors who force religion on others (5:5).
 - Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness – they have a deep desire to make on earth as it is in heaven for themselves and for the world (5:6).

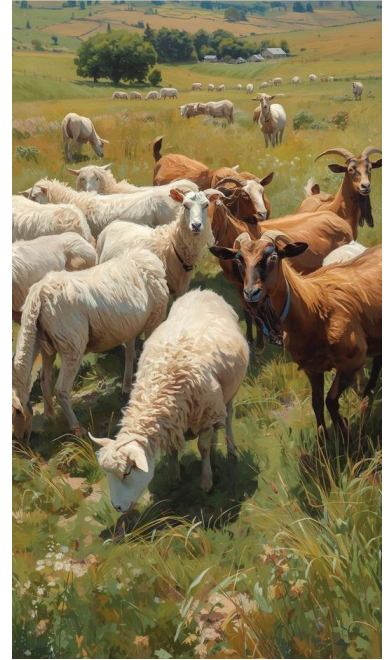
Matthew 5:7 - Merciful Towards The Guilty

- Mercy on the guilty or those who have wronged us.
 - David had mercy on Saul while Saul was pursuing David to kill him (1 Sam 24; 26; Ps 18:25).
 - On the cross, Jesus said “Father forgive them for they know not what they do” (Lk 23:34).
- We are too quick to justify why we do not show mercy on the guilty or toward those who have wronged us.
 - Following Iconic Jesus means what we will look for ways to show Jesus’ mercy on those who have wronged us (Matt 5:45).



Matthew 5:7 - Merciful Towards the Least of These

- Many cried out to Jesus to have mercy on them (Matt 9:27; 15:22; 17:15).
- Jesus had compassion on those who were like sheep without a shepherd (Matt 9:36).
- *Sheep and the Goats* (Final Judgment)- Jesus identifies with the hungry, thirsty, naked, strangers, sick, imprisoned (Matt 25:34-40).
 - We are too quick to justify why we do not show mercy on the poor.
 - Following Iconic Jesus means that we will look for ways to show Jesus' mercy on those who are the least of these.



Grow as On-Earth-As-It-Is-In-Heaven-People

1. Conform your understanding of iconic Jesus to the Sermon on the Mount.
2. Grow in being merciful toward those who have wronged you.
3. Grow in being merciful toward the least of these.
4. Being Merciful – and receiving God's mercy is blessed.

Grow in Jesus' Iconic Mercy