

# **WOODLANDS CHURCH**

Sermons on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020

**SERIES:** Jesus Close Up

**TOPIC:** Teacher

**READING:** Matthew 5 - 7

## **ABOUT THE SERIES**

We are looking at Jesus from each of the four gospels in February. They offer their own perspective and unique narrative on Jesus while sharing common content.

## **INTRO**

The four gospels also offer a foundation for the whole of the new testament by being the foundation for four streams.

- Matthew – Jewish (Hebrews, James and Jude)
- Mark – Petrine (Epistles of Peter)
- Luke – Pauline (Acts and Epistles)
- John – Johannine (Letters and Revelation)

Matthew, the most Jewish oriented gospel, sees Jesus' teaching reflecting the foundational five teaching books of Judaism, the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Bible). Matthew mirrors this by organising Jesus teaching into five sections book ended with the phrase repeated verbatim 7:28-29 (repeated in 11:1, 13:53, 19:1 and 26:1) 'when Jesus had finished his teaching'. The first block of teaching is 'The sermon on the Mount', known as the greatest sermon in the history of the world.

## **QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. How do you react to these three chapters when you read them? What words describe your reaction e.g. 'inspired', 'mystified' 'challenged' etc.
2. How does the teaching Jesus gives in these chapters compare with the teaching of the Old Testament?
3. How literally do you think Jesus meant us to follow his teaching?
4. What does Jesus teach us about how to relate to God through these chapters? What do you think it means in Chapter 6 to be rewarded by God? What is the reward?
5. The teaching ends with the parable of the house on the rock. What does it mean to build on the rock and put Jesus words into practice? Do you think you are doing that? What would help you do that better?