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His mission. Our focus.

Jesus' Mission



He explains

-- Luke 6:17-49

-- Matthew 5-7

First, Jesus' World



Romans
Sectarians
John

Roman Empire



Jewish Religious Sectarians: Pharisees



- Zealous for the law
- Synagogue
- Extremely judgmental
- Wanting the esteem of the masses.

Jewish Religious Sectarians: Sadducees



- **The wealthy in Jerusalem.**
- **Temple**
- **Torah alone**
- **Aligned with the Romans through political favors**

Jewish Sectarians: Ascetics (Essenes)



- **The way to God is to be separate from the world.**

John, the baptizer

A scene depicting John the Baptist baptizing people in a river. In the foreground on the left, three soldiers in red tunics and helmets are visible; one is on a brown horse, and two are on foot. The river is filled with people, some standing on the banks and others in the water. A person is being baptized in the center of the river. The background is a lush, green landscape with trees and bushes.

Return to God
The Kingdom of God is at hand
The Messiah

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Citizens of the Kingdom

A photograph of Jesus sitting in a field of tall, dry grass, surrounded by a group of people. Jesus is wearing a white robe and a white head covering. The people are wearing various traditional Middle Eastern clothing, including head coverings and robes. The background shows a body of water under a bright sky.

- Character & blessings
Mt. 5:3-12

Character before God

- Broken spirit
- Heart that mourns
- Meekness
- Hunger and thirst for righteousness

Character before men

- **Merciful**
- **Heart purity**
- **Peacemaker**
- **Enduring persecution**

Jesus as *the* Way

- **Happiness**
- **Blessedness**
- **John 10:10**

Citizens of the Kingdom

A photograph of Jesus sitting in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. He is wearing a white robe and a white head covering. He is surrounded by a group of people, mostly seen from the back, wearing traditional Middle Eastern clothing like head coverings and robes. In the background, there is a body of water under a bright sky.

- Character & blessings
Mt. 5:3-12
- Relationship to the world
Mt. 5:13-16

Citizens in the World

- Salt
- Light

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