



# LIFE OF PROMISE

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW



What counts?

**Matthew 5:1-16**

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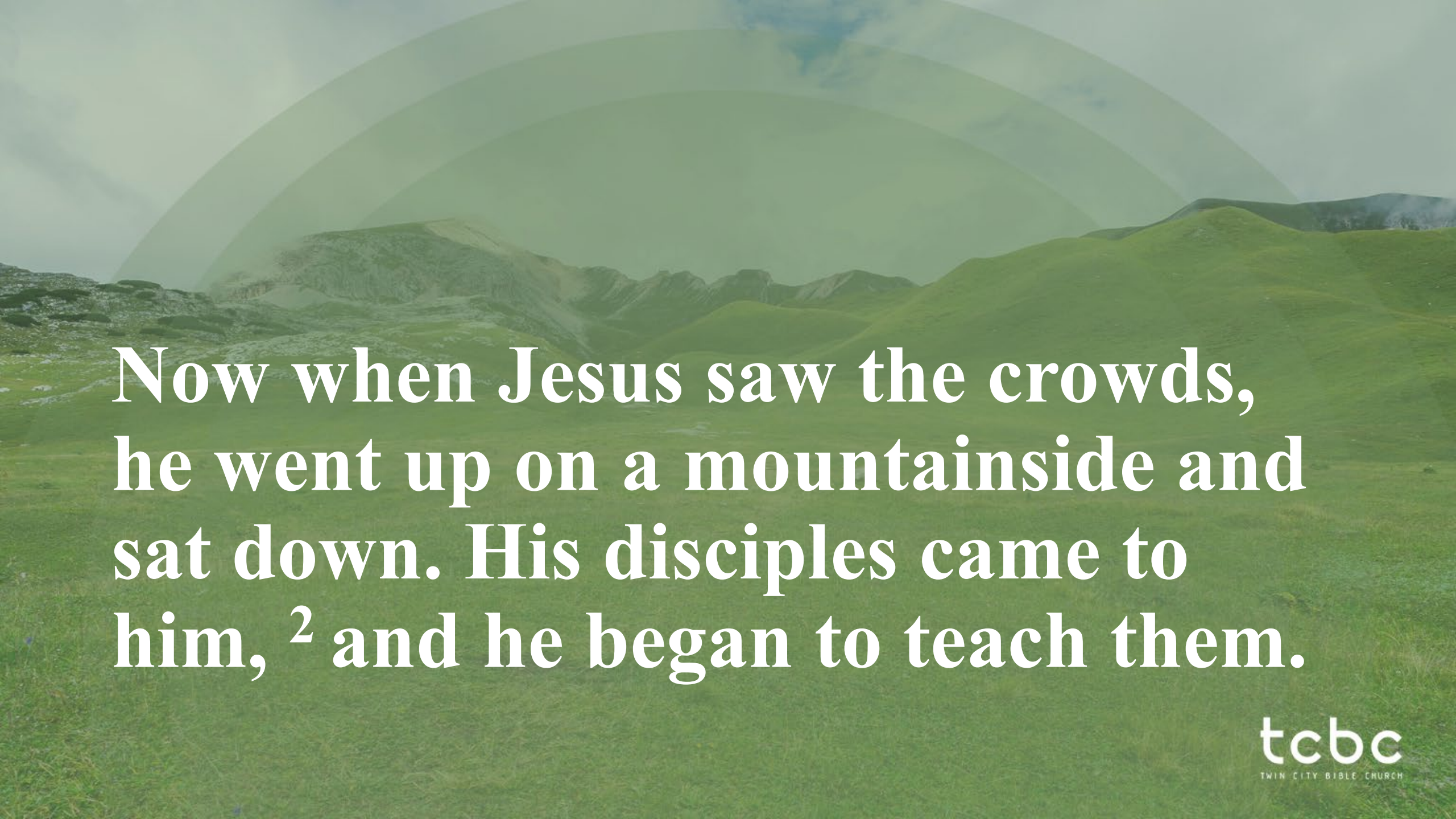
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# **Matthew . . . So far**

**Birth**

**Wise men & Egypt**

**30! Baptism**

**Temptation**

**Start of ministry**

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**Blessed?**

**approved**

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**A humble dependence on God (3-6)**

**Poor in spirit**

**See my sin**

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**Poor in spirit**

**Mourn**

**mourn over my sin**



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**Merciful**

**sense my inadequacies . . .**

**more merciful**

**Their content: What God approves**

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**Merciful**

**Pure in heart**

**sincere**

**see God**

**Their content: What God approves**

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**Pure in heart**

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**make peace**



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**Persecuted**

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