



Series Overview: Jesus didn't come to this planet to enhance an old religion. He didn't come just to make bold proclamations and offer wise teachings. From the moment an angel told Mary she would give birth to a Son whose 'Kingdom would not end,' it was clear: Jesus came to introduce something new, not to extend something old. He came to replace something that had been in place since the time of Moses, and our world hasn't been the same since.

Watch	Introduction
<p><u>"Light of the World"</u></p> <p>The sermon is up on the spac.ca website Monday of each week.</p>	<p>We come to the part of the Jesus story where He begins to stir things up. The Beatitudes had to have sounded like the words of a crazy person: "Blessed are the poor?" His original audience had been brought up with the world view that God blesses the rich...if you're rich, it's a sign of God's favor. "Be salt and light for THE WORLD?!" Words directed at those who had been taught their whole lives to stay away from the world.</p> <p>Change was in the wind...something better, broader, for the whole world. To a people who had been praying for a Messiah who would secure the borders and expel the foreigners, Jesus said: "It's time for you to cross your borders and take the love of God to foreigners wherever you can find them, and tell them what it means to follow Me."</p>

Engage
<p>Scripture: Matthew 5:14-20</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If you could summarize the sermon in one minute, what would you say? 2. How have you understood the Beatitudes historically? Did this message change your thoughts about them in any way? 3. How do you react to the idea of engaging with those who are different, far from God, vs. the practice of being careful to separate from the world? How do you navigate that tension? 4. Do you struggle with any portions of the Bible? Which part? Did you agree or disagree with how navigating tension with (especially the Old Testament) was described? 5. How might you apply this teaching in your life practically?

Pray	Announce
<p>For eyes to see how we Jesus is inviting us to follow right now.</p> <p>For people to find Jesus for the first time during this series.</p> <p>For those with cancer attending the seminar.</p> <p>Families of child dedications.</p> <p>You can request prayer any time PRAYER REQUESTS.</p>	<p>Living with Cancer Seminar – Feb 9</p> <p>Child Dedications Feb 9/10</p> <p>Sunday Forum: Singleness in the Church of Jesus – Feb 10</p> <p>Hymn Sing – Feb 10</p> <p>Check out: www.spac.ca/events</p>
<p>We have a pastoral care team at SPAC to walk alongside people through life's challenges. Should anyone in your group experience significant illness, death of a loved one, marriage challenges, or surgeries, (with their permission) please contact our church office: (780) 467-8404</p>	