

Greek Readings
Series A, Epiphany 4
Matthew 5:1–12

• **Verse 1**

- Parse ἀνέβη. _____ Jesus reveals Himself on several mountains in different ways. Name them. _____
- Parse καθίσαντος. _____ καθίσαντος αὐτοῦ forms what sort of grammatical construction? (Voelz 2 edn., 149–150; 3 edn., 133–134) _____

• **Verse 2**

- Parse ἀνοίξας. _____ Parse ἐδίδασκεν. _____
What nuance of the imperfect tense fits best here? (Voelz 2 edn., 69–70; 3 edn., 58–60)

How does Matthew use ἀνοίγω throughout his Gospel? (Mt 9:30; 13:35; 17:27; 20:33)

In opening His mouth, what does Jesus utter? (cf. esp. Mt 13:35) _____

• **Verse 3**

- Decline μακάριοι. _____ Compare and contrast Matthew's use of μακάριος in the Beatitudes and the rest of Matthew. (Mt 11:6; 13:16; 16:17; 24:46) _____
- What does Matthew indicate with the phrase ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν? (Mt 3:2; 6:33; 20:1)

• **Verse 4**

- Parse πενθοῦντες. _____ What does this word mean? Do you find BDAG's explanation adequate? Why or why not? (BDAG 795) _____
- Parse παρακληθήσονται. _____ According to BDAG, this consists of "comfort through words, or a favorable change in situation . . ." (BDAG 765). What constitutes this change? _____

• **Verse 5**

- Parse κληρονομήσουσιν. _____ What is the OT background to the inheriting of land? (cf. Scaer, David. *The Sermon on the Mount*. 83–84) _____

• **Verse 6**

- Righteousness is in the accusative, so why "for righteousness" grammatically? _____
- Parse χορτασθήσονται. _____ In what other contexts does Matthew use this word and how do they affect our understanding of this passage? (Mt. 14:20; 5:33, 37)

- What institution of Jesus does "hungering and thirsting" foreshadow? _____

- **Verse 7**
 - Parse ἐλεηθήσονται. _____ According to Matthew's use of ἐλέεω, who is the one who gives mercy and to whom? (Mt 9:27; 15:22; 17:15; 20:30, 31) _____

- **Verse 9**
 - Decline εἰρηνοποιί. _____ What two words form this compound? (BDAG 288) _____
 - Parse κληθήσονται. _____ Where / how is Jesus referred to as the "Son of God" in Matthew and how does this affect our understanding of this passage? (Scaer, Sermon, 88–89) _____

- **Verse 10**
 - Parse δεδιωγμένοι. _____ On what account do those persecuted gain the kingdom of heaven? _____

- **Verse 11**
 - Parse ὀνειδίωσιν. _____ What use of ὅταν + subj. is being used here? (Voelz 2 edn., 198; 3 edn., 181) _____

- **Verse 12**
 - Parse χαίρετε and ἀγαλλιᾶσθε. _____ Where does this rejoicing and exulting ultimately occur? (Re 19:7) _____

- **Integrating Meaning**

Some have argued that the Beatitudes are primarily a description of Jesus. Make an argument for whether or not the Beatitudes are primarily about Jesus, His saints, or something in between. Then explain how your interpretation would affect your sermon.