

Greek Readings
Series B, All Saints' Day
Matthew 5:1-12

Verse 1

- Which “crowds” might the evangelist Matthew have in mind? (cf. Mt 4:25)
_____ What is the relationship between these “crowds” and the “disciples” also mentioned? _____
- Parse ἀνέβη. _____
- Parse καθίσαντος. _____ καθίσαντος αὐτοῦ forms what sort of grammatical construction? (Voelz, 133-136) _____

Verse 2

- Parse ὀνόματα. _____ Parse ἐδίδασκεν. _____
What nuance of the imperfect tense fits best here? (Voelz, 58-60) _____
- In opening His mouth, what does Jesus utter? (cf. esp. Mt 13:35) _____

Verse 3

- Decline μακάριοι. _____ Compare Matthew's use of μακάριος in the Beatitudes and the rest of Matthew. (Mt 11:6; 13:16; 16:17; 24:46) and it look up in BDAG (BDAG, 610-611 2.a). How does the word seem to be used here?

- Parse τῷ πνεύματι _____ What type of dative might this be? (Volez, 239) _____
- What does Jesus mean with the phrase ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν? (cf. Mt 5:10, 19; also 3:2; 4:17; 6:33; 7:21; 8:11; 10:7; 11:11-12; 13:11; 20:1) _____

Verse 4

- Parse οἱ πενθοῦντες _____ What is significant about the tense of this participle? _____
- Parse παρακληθήσονται _____ What is significant about the voice of this verb? _____
- How is the passage fulfilled? (cf. Is 61:1-3) _____

Verse 5

- Parse οἱ πραεῖς _____
- Look up πραεῖς in BDAG. What does it mean? _____
- Parse κληρονομήσουσιν. _____ How is the passage fulfilled? (Ps 37:11, see the overall passage) _____

Verse 6

- Parse χορτασθήσονται. _____
- Parse δικαιοσύνην _____ Why would they hunger and thirst for righteousness? (See Isa 55:1-2 and Romans 3:21-26)

Verse 7

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

Verse 8

- Parse τῇ καρδίᾳ _____ What type of dative might this be? (Voelz, 239) _____
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Verse 9

- Decline εἰρηνοποιοί. _____ What two words form this compound? (BDAG, 288) _____
- What does the phrase “Sons of God” mean? (Mt 5:44, 45; Rom 8:14; Hos 1:10; Mal 3:17) _____

Verse 10

- Parse δεδιωγμένοι _____ How does this compare to 1 Pet. 3:14? _____

Verse 11

- Parse ὄνειδίωσιν. _____ What use of ὅταν + subj. is being used here? (Voelz, 181-182) _____

Verse 12

- Parse χοίρετε 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.