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Abstract

In order to learn about Jesus' communication method, I decided to study the Sermon on the Mount. After doing an in-depth study of Jesus' method (how he taught, the devices he used, and his structure), I realized his method is only a part of his effectiveness as a speaker. Without credibility and integrity as well, Jesus' teaching would fall flat and cease to have authority. This realization especially struck me because, in the field of communications, method is emphasized over integrity and character. I decided to compare Jesus' method and character with what the communication field teaches about public speaking. Within Christian circles, I found that the character of the speaker is valued, while in secular circles it is hardly spoken about. In this study, I follow Jesus' method of teaching in the Sermon on the Mount and his credibility as a speaker. Then, I compare principles of Jesus' teaching with principles of the communication field to draw practical conclusions about how Christian speakers and preachers should model Christ's example. This study is a sampling of my own journey of trying to wed communications and following Christ, and my hope is that this study will better my own walk as well as the walks of many other Christians.

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Teachings of Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount. 28 members have voted. 1. After reading the post, did you find this interesting? Yes. 15. I don't consider myself a Christian, but those are very good principles to live by. Share this post. [Link to post.](#) I just read Charles Talbert's *Reading the Sermon on the Mount: Character Formation and Ethical Decision Making in Matthew 5-7*. This book does a decent job exploring the literary contextual parallels to the Sermon. Yes, Jesus' sermon wasn't exactly new teaching at the time. Being a graduate student I find the audience's reaction to Jesus teaching style seeming to encourage a disregard for citing sources. Though Jesus character evidences an excellent education. What was the point of Jesus' sermon the mount? Is it just a golden rule that's good for all to follow or does it have deeper lessons for Christians? Let's look at the Scripture for Jesus' sermon on the mount and the meaning behind his words. But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Oaths (Matthew 5:33-37). "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' Jesus' sermon begins with a description of those who would be blessed by God. For instance, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6). As Christ concluded the Sermon on the Mount, He admonished us to make proper choices. We are taught to make choices based on God's instructions in the Bible and not simply follow the crowd by taking the easy way to live (Matthew 7:13-14). We are even warned about false prophets who claim to be Christian, but whose lives don't reflect God's values and true conversion. Be sure to read the related articles on Christian conversion, where you will find more instruction that will both encourage and help you to be like that wise man! Chapter 1 from *Christian Anarchism: A Political Commentary...* [Skip to main content.](#) See what's new with book lending at the Internet Archive. *The Sermon on the Mount: A Manifesto for Christian Anarchism.* [Item Preview.](#) [remove-circle.](#) Chapter 1 from *Christian Anarchism: A Political Commentary on the Gospel*, pp. 43-83 (Exeter: Imprint Academic, 2010). Addeddate. 2012-07-03 07:58:37.