

Sermon

Matthew 5: 13-20

‘Salt and Light’

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Matthew 4 (NIV)

vv 1-11 Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

vv 12-17 Jesus Begins to Preach

vv 18-22 Jesus Calls His First Disciples

vv 23-25 Jesus Heals the Sick

*23 Jesus went throughout Galilee,
teaching ... proclaiming the good news ...
and healing every disease and sickness ...*

*25 Large crowds from
Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea
and the region across the Jordan followed him.*

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Matthew 5 (NIV)

- vv 1-2** Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount
- vv 3-12** The Beatitudes
- vv 13-16** Salt and Light
- vv 17-20** The Fulfillment of the Law

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Matthew 7 (NIV)

vv 24-29 The Wise and Foolish Builders

*24 "Therefore everyone
who hears these words of mine
and puts them into practice
is like a wise man who built his house on the rock*

...

*26 But everyone who hears these words of mine
and does not put them into practice
is like a foolish man who built his house on sand ..."*

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Matthew 5 (NIV)

vv 1-2 Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount

vv 3-12 The Beatitudes

11 "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven ..."

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Matthew 5:13-20 (NIV)

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...

You are the light of the world. ...

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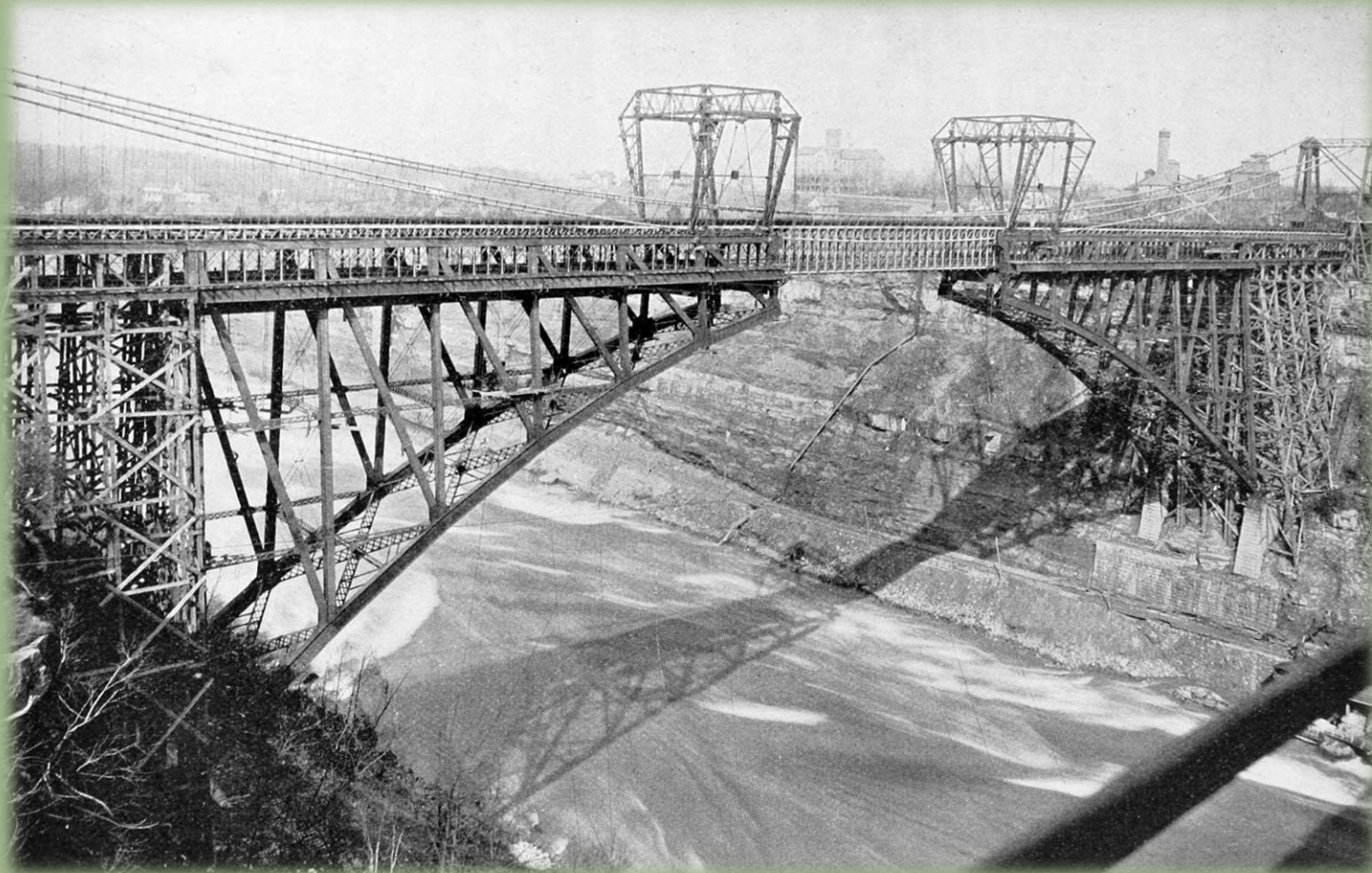
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13 "You are the salt of the earth.

Latin *sallere*: salary

"Salt of the earth"

"Not worth his salt"

"Take it with a grain/pinch of salt"

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Matthew 5:13-20 (NIV)

**13 “You are the salt of the earth.
But if the salt loses its saltiness,**

**how can it be made salty again?
It is no longer good for anything,**

except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. ...

Luke 14:25-35

**35 It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile;
it is thrown out.**

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14 ... You are the light of the world.

A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

**15 Neither do people light a lamp
and put it under a bowl.**

**Instead they put it on its stand,
and it gives light to everyone in the house. ...**

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John 1:1-18 (NIV)

1 In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

...

4 In him was life,
and that life was the light of all mankind.

5 The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.

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Matthew 5:13-20 (NIV)

**16 ... In the same way,
let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your Father in heaven. ...**

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Matthew 5:13-20 (NIV)

Luther: *“What [Jesus] calls ‘good works’ here is the exercise, expression, and confession of the teaching about Christ and faith. . . . Shining is the real job of believing or teaching, by which we also help others to believe.”*

(AE 21:65; see FC Ep IV 18)

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Matthew 5:13-20 (NIV)

1. Both needed for life
2. Both have purifying/healing properties
 - a. Antiviral
 - b. Antibacterial
 - c. Antiseptic

“Rub salt in the wound”
3. Both have penetrating/enhancing properties

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Matthew 5:13-20 (NIV)

*“Words without deeds
are like salt that has become useless
or like a light put under a basket.*

*The words we speak in praise of our heavenly Father
need the support of our deeds.*

*Jesus wants us to witness by both words and deeds,
even as God bears witness*

that He is our Father when He calls us His children.”

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