

Annotated Book List

for The Sermon on the Mount

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Boice, James Montgomery. *THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT, An Expositional Commentary on Matthew 5–7*; Baker Books, 1972. Large softcover, 288 pages.

This commentary is comprised of 44 clear and engaging sermons by a fine expositor. A joy to read, and filled with spiritual insights and rich applications. Much more accessible to the average reader than Watson and more concise than Lloyd-Jones (both mentioned below).

Carson, D. A.. *JESUS' SERMON ON THE MOUNT, And His Confrontation with the World, An Exposition of Matthew 5–10*; Baker Books, 1999. Large softcover, 299 pages.

Dr. D. A. Carson is one of the top NT scholars in the world, and the son of a Canadian reformed baptist pastor. This volume is actually two previous books in one (one chapters 5-7, and the other on 8-10). It covers the scholarly/academic and pastoral concerns that arise from the text.

Ferguson, Sinclair B.. *THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT, Kingdom Life in a fallen World; The Banner of Truth Trust, 1987. Small softcover, 171 pages.*

Ferguson is one of my most favorite theologians and authors (you ought to have all his books!). His brevity of exposition is not shallow, but rich and rewarding spiritual food! Note: *This would also be the best book from this list for younger readers.*

Hughes, R. Kent. *ARE EVANGELICALS BORN AGAIN? The Character Traits of True Faith*; Crossway Books, 1995. Softcover, 158 pages.

Veteran preacher Kent Hughes (pastor emeritus College Church, Wheaton, IL) writes specifically on the beatitudes, and does not hold back from challenging us with the piercing points of Jesus' teaching here. A very easy to read book, focused primarily on applications and spiritual growth.

Johnson, Terry L.. *WHEN GRACE TRANSFORMS, The Character of Christ's Disciples Put Forward in the Beatitudes*; Christian Focus, 2002. Softcover, 175 pages.

Part of the "When Grace..." series of paperbacks — which are all very crisp and concise. This is book on just on the beatitudes, provides many fresh insights and applications. Dr Terry Johnson is the senior Pastor of Independent Presbyterian Church in the old part of Savannah, GA.

Lloyd-Jones, D. Martyn. *STUDIES IN THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT (one volume edition)*; Wm. B Eerdmans, 1960. Large softcover, 585 pages.

This very large volume provides superb sermons on the whole Sermon on the Mount. It is a comprehensive and detailed exposition of Matthew 5–7, by a master preacher who probes deeply into the human heart with the truth of God's Word. This is the best introduction to the sermons of of "The Doctor" as he is fondly called (Lloyd-Jones was a trained medical man before entering the ministry). He was, perhaps, the finest preacher of the 20th century. Not surprisingly, it is viewed as a Christian "classic" on one of the most important passages in the Bible.

Stott, John R. W.. *CHRISTIAN COUNTER-CULTURE, The Message of the Sermon on the Mount*; InterVarsity Press, 1978. Softcover, 222 pages.

One of the most helpful Christian books in my life. Very well written, God-centered and message-driven book, abounding in textual and theological insights. Probably the single best popular book on the Sermon on the Mount — and a model of really good Christian writing.

Watson, Thomas. *THE BEATITUDES, An Exposition of Matthew 5:1-12*; The Banner of Truth Trust, 1989. Large softcover, 307.

Watson's pastoral writing covers the eight Beatitudes (only) in great depth, with numerous subdivisions and lists of points for consideration (e.g., *ten differences between true and false comfort*, or, *six rules concerning works of mercy*). Detailed table of contents helps you find desired sections. Watson was a 17th century English puritan pastor and author.

