

COURSE SYLLABUS

The Sermon on the Mount

Course Lecturer: John R. W. Stott, DD

Course Description

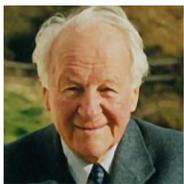
Nowhere is the essence of Jesus' teachings more clearly portrayed than in His Sermon on the Mount. In this course, learners complete an expository and reading study of the Sermon as found in Matthew 5-7. Students examine key issues in the Sermon and analyze the various interpretations therein. The lectures concentrate on both theological and practical questions raised in the Sermon, such as "How did Christ fulfill the law?" and "How should Christians relate to their world?" Throughout the course, Dr. Stott encourages learners to apply the Sermon's principles to life and ministry.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, you should be able to do the following:

- Appreciate the message of the Sermon on the Mount as God's Word for our salvation and growth.
- Explain the special theological difficulties raised by the Sermon on the Mount.
- Propose solutions to the theological difficulties raised by the Sermon on the Mount.
- Compare and contrast the ways the Pharisees handled the law with the way Christ fulfilled the law.
- Apply key principles from the Sermon to contemporary life and ministry.
- Honor God with your life by being different from the world.

Course Lecturer



John R.W. Stott, DD (1921-2011)

Education:

- Multiple honorary doctorates from British, Canadian, and American universities
- Lambeth, DD
- Ridley Hall Theological College at Cambridge, MA equivalent
- Rugby School and Trinity College Cambridge, double first (BA equivalent) in French and Theology

Career Highlights:

- Rector Emeritus of All Souls Church in London—served there for more than 60 years
- Chaplain to Queen Elizabeth II

- Knighted as a Commander of the Order of the British Empire
- President, Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion
- Chairman, English Evangelical Council
- President, British Scripture Union
- Founder, Langham Partnership International
- Chairman, International Council of World Evangelization where the famous Lausanne Covenant was penned and ratified
- Lecturer at various colleges and universities, including Trinity Evangelical Divinity school
- Led more than 50 university mission trips and trained thousands of leaders in Africa, Asia, and South America
- Billy Graham noted about Dr. Stott, “I can’t think of anyone who has been more effective in introducing so many people to a biblical worldview.”
- Named by *Time Magazine* in 2005 as one of the most influential people in the world

Publications:

- More than 40 books, including *The Cross of Christ*, *Between Two Worlds*, *The Contemporary Christian*, and his best-known work, *Basic Christianity*, which has been translated into more than 50 languages

Recommended Reading

Though not required, you may choose to read the textbooks shown below to supplement your learning.

Carson, D. A. *Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount: And His Confrontation with the World: An Exposition of Matthew 5-10*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 2004.

Patte, Daniel. *The Challenge of Discipleship: A Critical Study of the Sermon on the Mount as Scripture*. Valley Forge, PA: Trinity International Press, 1999.

Textbooks can be ordered through your local bookstore, various online bookstores, or through your preferred eReader when available.

Course Methods

The lecture content for each lesson is provided in two easy-to-use formats: audio and PDF text (if available). Students can choose the medium (or combination of media) that most closely aligns with their individual learning styles.

Course Requirements

To earn a Certificate of Completion, you must complete the course requirements. Course requirements include:

1. Listening to all 10 audio lectures.
2. Earning a 70% or higher score on each lesson Quiz and the Final Exam.

Quizzes and the Final Exam will cover the material presented in the lectures.