

Scripture

Luke 6:17-26 (NLT)

Crowds Follow Jesus

- 17 When they came down from the mountain, the disciples stood with Jesus on a large, level area, surrounded by many of his followers and by the crowds. There were people from all over Judea and from Jerusalem and from as far North as the seacoasts of Tyre and Sidon.
- 18 They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those troubled by evil spirits were healed.
- 19 Everyone tried to touch him, because healing power went out from him, and he healed everyone.

The Beatitudes

20 Then Jesus turned to his disciples and said,

God blesses you who are poor,
for the Kingdom of God is yours.

21 God blesses you who are hungry now,
for you will be satisfied.

God blesses you who weep now,
for in due time you will laugh.

22 What blessings await you when people hate
you and exclude you and mock you and curse
you as evil because you follow the Son of Man.

23 When that happens, be happy! Yes, leap for
joy! For a great reward awaits you in heaven.
And remember, their ancestors treated the
ancient prophets that same way.

Sorrows Foretold

- 24 What sorrow awaits you who are rich,
for you have your only happiness now.
- 25 What sorrow awaits you who are fat and
prosperous now, for a time of awful hunger
awaits you.
- What sorrow awaits you who laugh now,
for your laughing will turn to mourning
and sorrow.
- 26 What sorrow awaits you who are praised by
the crowds, for their ancestors also praised
false prophets.