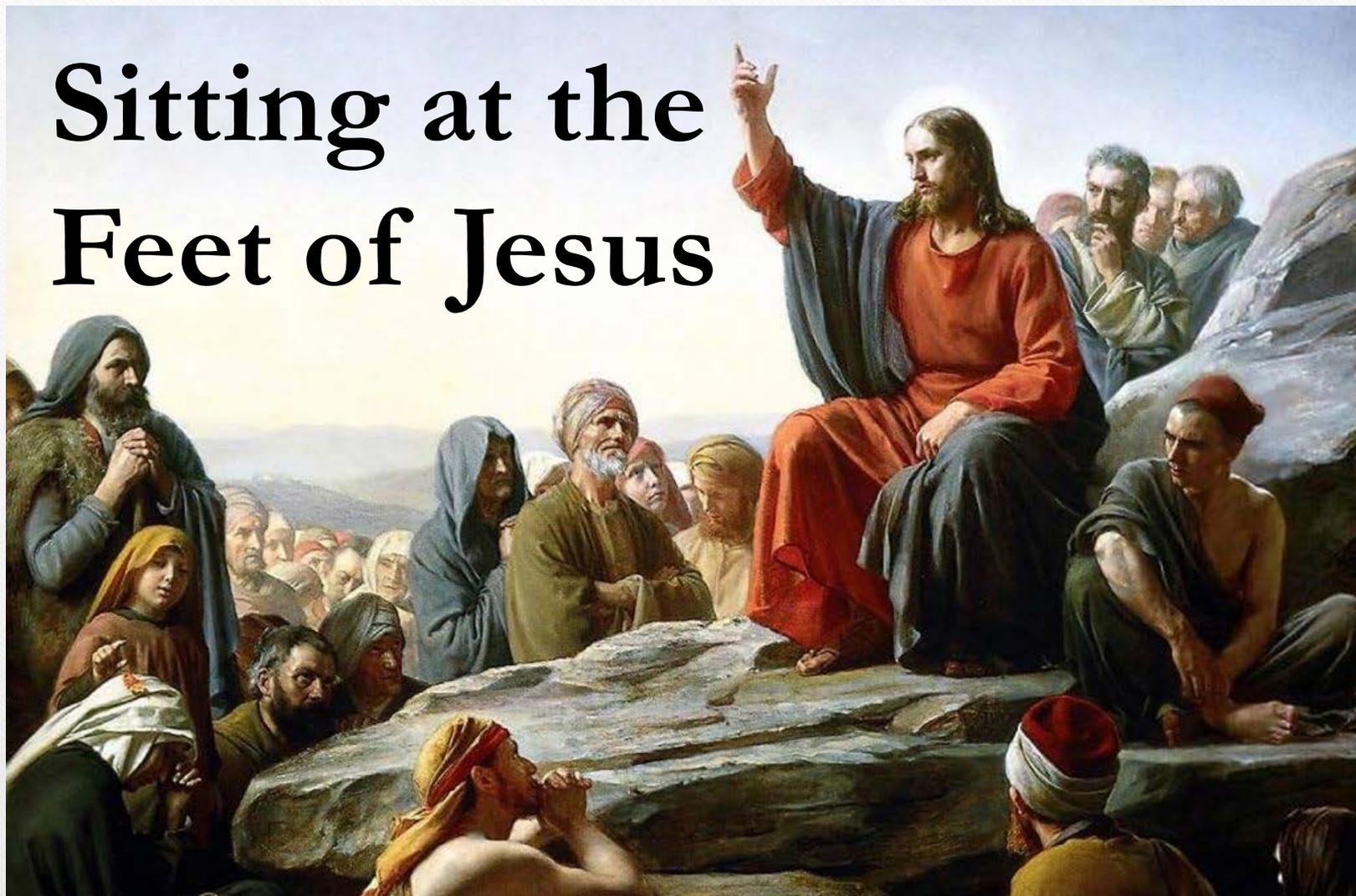


# Sitting at the Feet of Jesus



# The Sermon on the Mount

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Matthew 5-7

# Question

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When we become poor in spirit, mourn over our sin, humble, gentle, hungering and thirsting for righteousness, pure, at peace with God who will we become like?

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Jesus!

## Matthew 5: 13 (NASB)

*“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.*

# Question

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When we become poor in spirit, mourn over our sin, humble, gentle, hungering and thirsting for righteousness, pure, at peace with God what did Jesus say we would become like?



**SALT!**

# Question

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What are the properties of salt that would cause Jesus to say that if we become like Him we will become salt?

# Salt

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1. Prevents decay

# Question

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Do you think our  
world is decaying  
today?

# Question

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How does salt prevent decay?

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Salt draws contaminated water molecules out and replaces them with salt molecules until the amount of salt is equal inside and out.

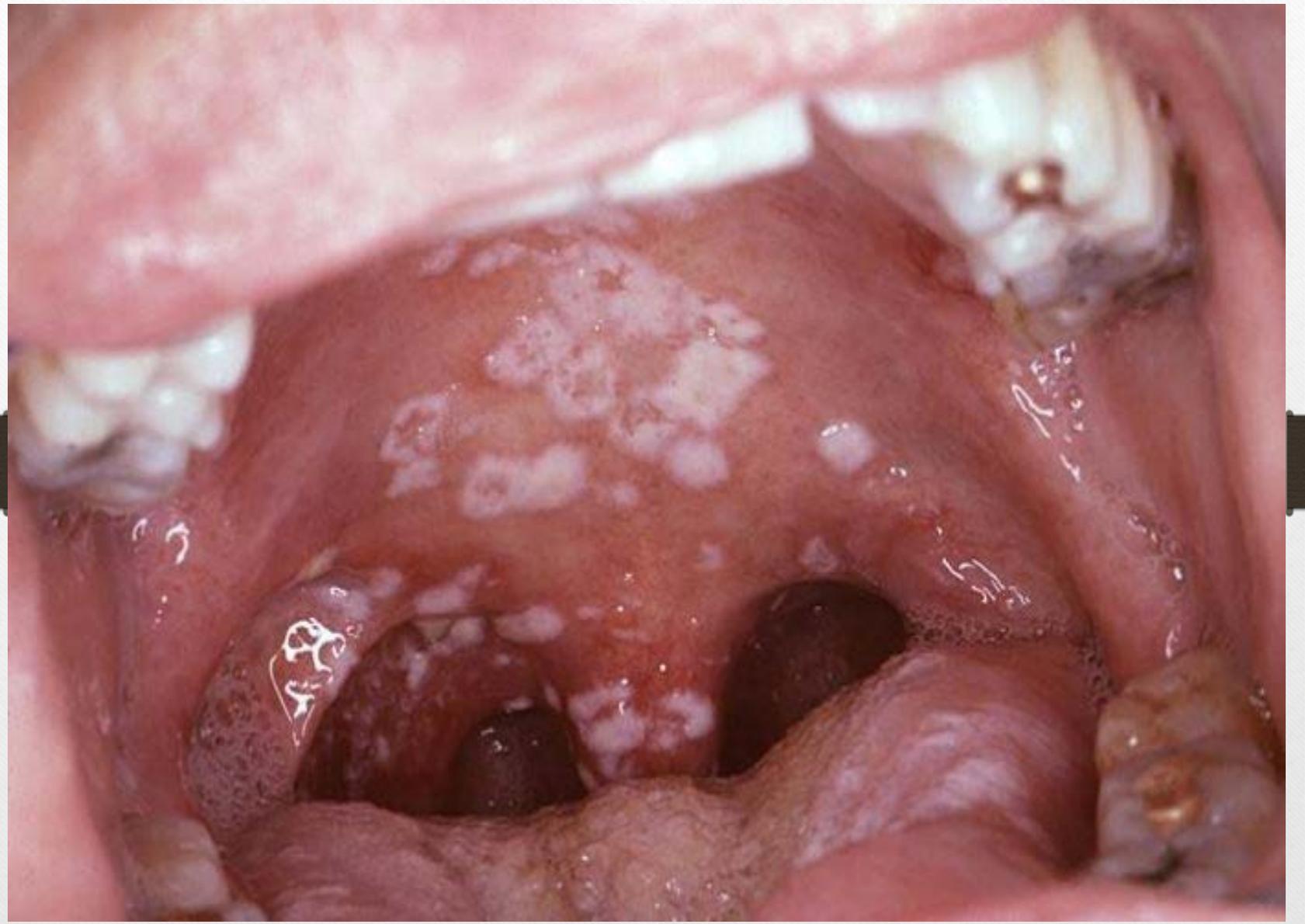
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If salt prevents decay, can you think of something Jesus references that produces infection and decay, hint it is used to make bread?

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Yeast!



# Question

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What are signs of  
spiritual decay?

# Signs of Spiritual Decay

- Lack of spiritual growth

## Exodus 32: 1 (NASB)

*Now when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people assembled about Aaron and said to him, "Come, make us a god who will go before us;*

## Exodus 32: 1 (NASB)

*as for this Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.”*

# Signs of Spiritual Decay

- Lack of spiritual growth
- Materialism

## Exodus 32: 2-3 (NASB)

*Aaron said to them, "Tear off the gold rings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." Then all the people tore off the gold rings which were in their ears and brought them to Aaron.*

# Question

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How can you tell what  
is most important to  
you?

# Signs of Spiritual Decay

- Lack of spiritual growth
- Materialism
- Idolatry

## **Exodus 32: 4 (NASB)**

*He took this from their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool and made it into a molten calf; and they said, "This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt."*

# Question

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What is an Idol?

# Signs of Spiritual Decay

- Lack of spiritual growth
- Materialism
- Idolatry
- Laziness

## Exodus 32: 5 (NASB)

*Now when Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the Lord."*

# Question

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Why do you think Aaron's act of false worship was a feast celebration and not mourning and fasting?

# Signs of Spiritual Decay

- Lack of spiritual growth
- Materialism
- Idolatry
- Laziness
- Playing Church

## Exodus 32: 5 (NASB)

*So the next day they rose early and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.*

# Question

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Do we see some in the  
Church playing  
Church?

# Question

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Do we sometimes see  
playing games  
becoming more  
important than being  
salt?

# Salt

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1. Prevents decay
2. Heals

# Question

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Has anyone ever  
gargled with salt?

# Question

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Do you know how to  
treat a yeast infection  
in the mouth?



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## Ezekiel 16:1-3 (NASB)

*Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying, “Son of man, make known to Jerusalem her abominations and say, ‘Thus says the Lord God to Jerusalem, “Your origin and your birth are from the land of the Canaanite, your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite.*

## **Ezekiel 16:4 (NASB)**

*As for your birth, on the day you were born your navel cord was not cut, nor were you washed with water for cleansing; you were not rubbed with salt or even wrapped in cloths.*

# Question

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How does salt heal?

# Question

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How does spiritual  
salt heal?

# Salt

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1. Prevents decay
2. Heals
3. Salt irritates

# Question

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How does spiritual  
salt irritate?

## 2 Timothy 4: 3-4 (NASB)

*For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,*

## 2 Timothy 4: 3-4(NASB)

*and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.*

# Salt

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1. Prevents decay
2. Heals
3. Salt irritates
4. Salt causes hunger and thirst

# Question

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City ham or  
country ham?

# Question

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How does spiritual salt create a hunger and thirst for God?

## Matthew 5: 6 (NASB)

*“Blessed are those who  
hunger and thirst for  
righteousness, for they  
shall be satisfied.*

# Question

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Do you have to take  
the salt out of the  
shaker to taste it or  
for it to work?

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In order for salt to  
preserve, heal,  
irritate, add flavor or  
create thirst it must  
get out of the shaker!

## John 17: 14-18 (NLT)

*I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.*

## John 17: 14-18 (NLT)

*I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. They do not belong to this world any more than I do.*

## John 17: 14-18 (NLT)

*Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world.*

# Salt

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1. Prevents decay
2. Heals
3. Salt irritates
4. Salt causes hunger and thirst
5. Salt adds flavor

# Question

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What happens when we lose our saltiness?

## Matthew 5: 13 (NASB)

*“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again?*

*It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.*

# Question

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What does it mean to  
add flavor to the  
world?

# Question

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Are you a tasteless  
Christian or do you  
add flavor to the  
world?

# Question

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Do you add flavor by greeting people with a smile while making eye contact?

Are you pleasant to be around?

## Question

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Do you look like you have been sucking on lemons?

Do you avoid eye contact, avoid talking to people and seldom smile?

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God call us to be salt  
and add flavor, He  
does not call us to be  
prunes and add  
bitterness!

# Challenge

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1. Look at yourself periodically in the mirror and see if a smiling face is looking back
2. Force yourself to speak to others, smile and make eye contact

# Question

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How can we tell if we  
are losing our  
saltiness?

# Question

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When you are living  
like the rest of the  
world!

## Matthew 5: 3 (NASB)

*“Blessed are the poor  
in spirit, for theirs is  
the kingdom of heaven.*

# Matthew 5: 4(NASB)

*“Blessed are those  
who mourn, for they  
shall be comforted.*

# Matthew 5: 5 (NASB)

*“Blessed are the  
gentle, for they shall  
inherit the earth.*

## Matthew 5: 6(NASB)

*“Blessed are those  
who hunger and thirst  
for righteousness, for  
they shall be satisfied.*

# Matthew 5: 7 (NASB)

*“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”*

## Matthew 5: 8(NASB)

*“Blessed are the pure  
in heart, for they shall  
see God.*

## Matthew 5: 9 (NASB)

*“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”*

## Matthew 5: 10 (NASB)

*“Blessed are those  
who have  
been persecuted for  
the sake of  
righteousness,  
for theirs is the  
kingdom of heaven.*

# Question

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Are you a salty saint?