

# Jesus' Ethics in the Sermon on the Mount (7,5 ECTS credits)

Level: 1st cycle

Discipline: THEOLOGY (exegetical theology)

Course ID: 0348

## Admission requirements

General admission requirements for university studies. Students taking part in the course as a part of their Bachelor's degree program must have completed Course A, Introduction in Philosophy and Theology (30 ECTS credits). Students taking part in the course as a freestanding course are expected to have corresponding prior knowledge.

## Educational goals

After completing the course, the student is expected to:

- be able to give a general account of the sources and the structure of the Sermon on the Mount and of its meaning in the context of the Gospel of Matthew and its historical setting;
- exhibit an understanding of the most important contents and motifs of the Sermon on the Mount;
- show the ability to critically evaluate the significance of the Sermon on the Mount for contemporary ethics and to analyse it using individual topics as examples.

## Course content

The course gives a general overview of the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew. Selected historical, source and redaction-critical methods are combined with ethical reflections of the last decades. Thus, the ethical claims of Jesus' speech will be examined in their relevance for faith communities today.

## Teaching and examination

*Partial distance with local instruction*

Instruction will be in the form of lectures and discussion seminars (online and at the meetings). The examination consists in a written essay at the end of the course (8-10pages) and an oral discussion on this paper. The course grade is based on the quality of the essay.

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Talbert, Charles H. (2004): *Reading the Sermon on the mount. Character formation and decision making in Matthew 5-7*. Columbia, S.C: University of South Carolina Press.

### Selected reference works:

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Meier, John P. (1979): *The vision of Matthew. Christ, Church, and morality in the first gospel*. New York: Paulist Press (Theological Inquiries).

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Schockenhoff, Eberhard (2014): *Die Bergpredigt. Aufruf zum Christsein*. Freiburg im Breisgau: Herder.

Weidemann, Hans-Ulrich (Hg.) (2012): *Er stieg auf den Berg ... und lehrte sie (Mt 5,1f.)*. *Exegetische und rezeptionsgeschichtliche Studien zur Bergpredigt*. Veranstaltung zur Lehrerfortbildung. Stuttgart: Verl. Katholisches Bibelwerk (Stuttgarter Bibelstudien, 226).

Wengst, Klaus (2018): *Das Regierungsprogramm des Himmelreichs. Eine Auslegung der Bergpredigt in ihrem jüdischen Kontext*. 2nd ed. Stuttgart, Ann Arbor, Michigan: Kohlhammer Verlag; ProQuest.

See also "Kursplaner: allmänna bestämmelser" (Course plans: General rules)

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