



The Beatitudes

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Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSV)

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Read through the text from Matthew and look at the details of this illumination. Consider the questions below to help you get the most out of the image.

- What do you notice and wonder about the illumination of the Beatitudes?
- What do you make out from the text on the right side? As a whole, what does it look like to you?
- What does this illumination tell you about those who are blessed?
- The Beatitudes are part of the Sermon on the Mount. Matthew makes the connection to the Ten Commandments which Moses brought down from Mount Sinai. What parallels and differences do you see between the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes?
- In Pastor Kai Nilsen's sermon on the Beatitudes (February 12), he offered a set of Beatitudes for each of us today. Can you imagine a beatitude for you being written in gold? How does the gold and the calligraphy change how you hear and respond to the words?