

# Jesus Is Our Teacher

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 3, Session 13**.

God gave Moses the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai, a covenant of faith between God and the Israelites.

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The Ten Commandments are also called the Decalogue.

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The Gospel of Matthew tells us that Jesus gave a special set of instructions called the Sermon on the Mount that tells us how to live.

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Jesus is the New Moses. While Moses gave the people instructions he received from God, Jesus spoke with his own authority as the Son of God. While Moses held up the Ten Commandments as ideals of life, Jesus embodied and lived the ideals.

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The centerpiece of Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5:3–10 is the Beatitudes, the eight guidelines for Christlike living that lead to happiness in this life and eternal joy in the next. The Beatitudes describe life the way it is lived in the Kingdom of God, on earth as it is in heaven.

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Jesus helped his listeners understand big ideas by speaking in parables, which are stories that compare an ordinary, everyday experience with a reality of God's truth.

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The Kingdom of God is God's rule over us, announced in the Gospel and present in the Eucharist. The kingdom present in the Church will come in completeness at the end of time. Living the values of the Beatitudes brings us closer to the Kingdom of God.

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Jesus compared the Kingdom of God to ordinary objects that people could understand, such as a grain of wheat, a mustard seed, yeast, wheat and weeds, pearls, and a net cast into the sea.

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Matthew refers to the Kingdom of God as the Kingdom of Heaven.

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The Magisterium is the office of the pope and bishops in communion with him, who are the authoritative teachers in the Church. The pope, who is the successor of Peter, joins with the assembly of bishops from all over the world to govern the whole Church.

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