

## **KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 24<sup>th</sup> MAY (KEC SERVICE ONLINE)**

Before the livestream starts at 9am:

KIDS VIDEO will be made available by 8.30am. Over these few weeks, we're going to be learning some of the things Jesus taught up on a mountain, in what is called the Sermon on the Mount! That's what the adults will be learning too! This week, "what is murder?!?"

Direct link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x2UUnulVbZ0>

*9am – Livestream starts*

*Livestream link should be available by 8.55am latest.*

0. Starter discussion question:

"If you were persecuted/insulted for being a Christian, how would you react?"

### **1. CALL TO WORSHIP – Isaiah 60**

### **2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Jassica Sonia)**

SONG 1: Shine Jesus Shine

SONG 2: Here I am to worship

### **3. Heidelberg Catechism, on the Ascension**

#### **Q49: How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?**

A: First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father.<sup>1</sup>

Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself.<sup>2</sup>

Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge.<sup>3</sup> By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.<sup>4</sup>

#### **Q50: Why the next words, "and is seated at the right hand of the Father?"**

A: Because Christ ascended to heaven to show that there he is head of his church,<sup>5</sup> the one through whom the Father rules all things.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Rom. 8:34; 1 John 2:1

<sup>2</sup> John 14:2, 17:24; Eph. 2:4-6

<sup>3</sup> John 14:16; 2 Cor. 1:21-22, 5:5

<sup>4</sup> Col. 3:1-4

<sup>5</sup> Eph. 1:20-23, Col. 1:18

<sup>6</sup> Matt. 28:18, John 5:22-23

#### **4. Prayers of intercession**

- Christians to be salt and light
- Prime Minister and Cabinet
- The sick and unwell in our churches
- KVBC NextGen 2020

#### **5. Bible reading: Matthew 5:10-16**

<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil  
against you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for  
in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty  
again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do  
people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light  
to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may  
see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

## SERMON OUTLINE: Salt and light (Matt. 5:13-16)

Picture the scene: A Middle Eastern countryside

\*pause\*

Familiar words!

A Christian cliché – either already assume we know its meaning, or embarrassed to ask if we don't!

\*unpause\*

- A pious Jew
- An off-duty Roman soldier
- A 21<sup>st</sup> century Malaysian non-Christian

Anything but bland!

But what does Jesus actually mean? Biblical context!

v.13-16 comes after v.1-12!

Suffering and persecution for righteousness sake

Beatitudes: nice in theory, but the world doesn't do them, nor is happy with those who do!

The disciples' question: *Jesus, if the going gets tough, how can I persevere?*

The short answer: Remember you are salt and light

The slightly longer answer....

### **1. Though the world is against us, we are to be *for* the world**

"You are the salt of the earth"

"You are the light of the world"

→ Note the parallelism! Big clue for interpretation!

What common aspect does Jesus want to bring out?

- They each have a f\_\_\_\_\_

We don't exist for ourselves, but for the world

What does it mean to say you are *for* something?

## **2. We are for the world when we are in the world, faithfully proclaiming and promoting Jesus**

Light – the wider context in Matthew (4:13-17)

Light of life

“*You* are the light of the world”!

City on a hill (cf. Isaiah 60:1-3)

Jesus has brought the light, we are to do the shining

Good deeds (5:16)

Salt – a sign of faithfulness and commitment (Lev. 2:13, Num. 18:19, 2 Chron. 13:5)

3 implications:

If we are salt and light...

1) our faith cannot be private

2) we should not “preserve” ourselves, but pour out ourselves

3) we will not partake in the ways of the world

Our salvation story

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Webinar on gospel-centrality
- Elders meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> June
- Giving
- Prayer Meeting

## **TAKE HOME REFLECTION QUESTION**

How can you be salt and light in the coming weeks?

## **BENEDICTION**

<sup>16</sup> May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, <sup>17</sup> encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17