

American Jesus

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain and taught them saying:

Blessed are the wealthy
For theirs is the kingdom on earth
Blessed are those who do not mourn
For they do not need to be comforted
Blessed are the powerful
For they have inherited the earth
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for violence
For they shall have it
Blessed are the warmongers
For war is peace
And peace can be achieved only through empire
Blessed are the perfect
For they shall gloat over others' imperfections
Blessed are those who persecute others out of self-righteousness
For theirs is the kingdom on earth.

You have heard that it was said to those of old, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I tell you to strike first. Bomb anyone who *might* be able to inflict harm on you before they get the chance.

Whoever slaps you on your right cheek, shoot that person in the face. This is a stand-your-ground state, and you don't have to stand for that kind of treatment.

If someone asks you for your coat, tell him to "get a job you lazy slob!" Give only to those who are worthy and from him who wants to borrow from you charge at least 6.75 percent interest.

You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I say to you, not only should you hate your enemy, but you should curse those who curse you, do good only to those who do good to you and pray for your enemies' utter annihilation.

Judge first, lest you be judged. And measure others with the same measure they use against you.

Lay up for yourselves treasure on earth, and invest in a hedge fund to ensure that moth and rust cannot destroy and a security system so thieves cannot break in and steal. No one can serve two masters. Good thing God wants you to have lots of money so you don't have to choose between them.

And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, for he told them exactly what they wanted to hear.