

SERMON SERIES: JESUS' SERMON ON THE MOUNT

TODAY'S MESSAGE: **Please Pass the Salt!**

TEXT: **Matthew 5:13**

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**MESSAGE INTRO:** *In His great sermon, Jesus transitions from describing the \_\_\_\_\_ of His people (what we must \_\_\_\_\_) to illustrating the \_\_\_\_\_ of His people (what we must \_\_\_\_\_).*

1. "Salt talk" – Salt is ... (Mat 5:13; Luke 14:34)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ – not only as a seasoning, but as ...
    - ❖ *an antiseptic and disinfectant, for \_\_\_\_\_!*
    - ❖ *a cleansing agent, for \_\_\_\_\_!*
    - ❖ *a preservative, for \_\_\_\_\_!*
    - ❖ *an ingredient in countless formulas and products*
    - ❖ *an ingredient that helped make Israel's sacrifices \_\_\_\_\_ to God!*
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ – in times past, salt was a traded commodity, like currency! Our word \_\_\_\_\_ literally means a worker's portion of salt!
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ – *we can't live without it!*
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ – *when applied.*
2. "Light" vs. "Salt" – both have to do with \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Light radiates; gets \_\_\_\_\_ there → creates \_\_\_\_\_ (Mat 5:14-16)
  - b. Salt permeates; gets \_\_\_\_\_ there → creates \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Kings 2:19-22; Col 4:5-6; Rom 1:16; James 1:21)

3. The truth about "salt": It \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_!
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ or "diluted" salt is useless – it cannot improve or change anything because it has lost its \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. To make a difference in the world we must be \_\_\_\_\_! (Mat 5:3-12; 6:8; 20:26)
    - ❖ *We can't dilute the \_\_\_\_\_*
    - ❖ *We can't dilute the Christian \_\_\_\_\_*
    - ❖ *We can't dilute our \_\_\_\_\_*
  - c. On a similar note, to transform the world we must be a \_\_\_\_\_ people (Rom 12:2)
  - d. Take Jesus, for instance! He became \_\_\_\_\_ us and lived \_\_\_\_\_ us, yet He was very \_\_\_\_\_ from us; and therefore, He was able to \_\_\_\_\_ us! (Heb 2:17; John 1:14; Heb 7:26; 4:15; 1 Pet 2:22; 1 John 3:5)

**MESSAGE APPEAL:** *Is the salt still in the shaker?*

- ❖ *Church, let's \_\_\_\_\_ the salt! (Mark 9:50; Col 4:5-6)*
- ❖ *Church, let's \_\_\_\_\_ the salt! (Mat 5:13)*