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*THE LIFE AND
TEACHING OF
JESUS*

A SUNDAY MORNING SERIES

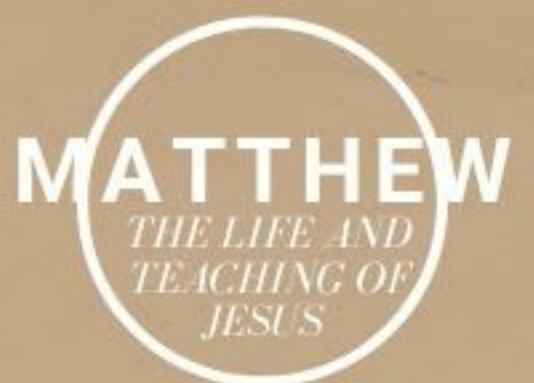
MAKARIOS

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RIGHTEOUSNESS

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BLESSED

“Makarios is a state of existence in relationship to God in which a person is “blessed” from God’s perspective even when he or she doesn’t feel happy or isn’t presently experiencing good fortune. This does not mean a conferral of blessing or an exhortation to live a life worthy of blessing; rather, it is an acknowledgment that the ones indicated are blessed. Negative feelings, absence of feelings, or adverse conditions cannot take away the blessedness of those who exist in relationship with God.”

ARE

“Jesus’ followers will actualize these ethical and moral ideals, not as a means of entering the kingdom but as an outgrowth of the kingdom life that will be theirs through the empowering of the Spirit.”

HUNGER AND THIRST

“Jesus is far from recommending a genteel desire for spiritual nourishment, but rather a starvation for righteousness, a desperate hungering to be conformed to God's will.”

RIGHTEOUSNESS

“The Beatitude does not read, ‘Righteous are those who hunger and thirst after blessedness.’”

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

“God made him (Jesus) who had no sin to be a sin offering for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” NIV

MATTHEW 14:20

“They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.” NIV

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"A dead body feels no hunger and the dead soul knows not the pangs of holy desire. "If you want God," said the old saint, "you have already found Him." Our desire for fuller life is proof that some life must be there already. Our very dissatisfactions should encourage us, our yet unfulfilled aspirations should give us hope."