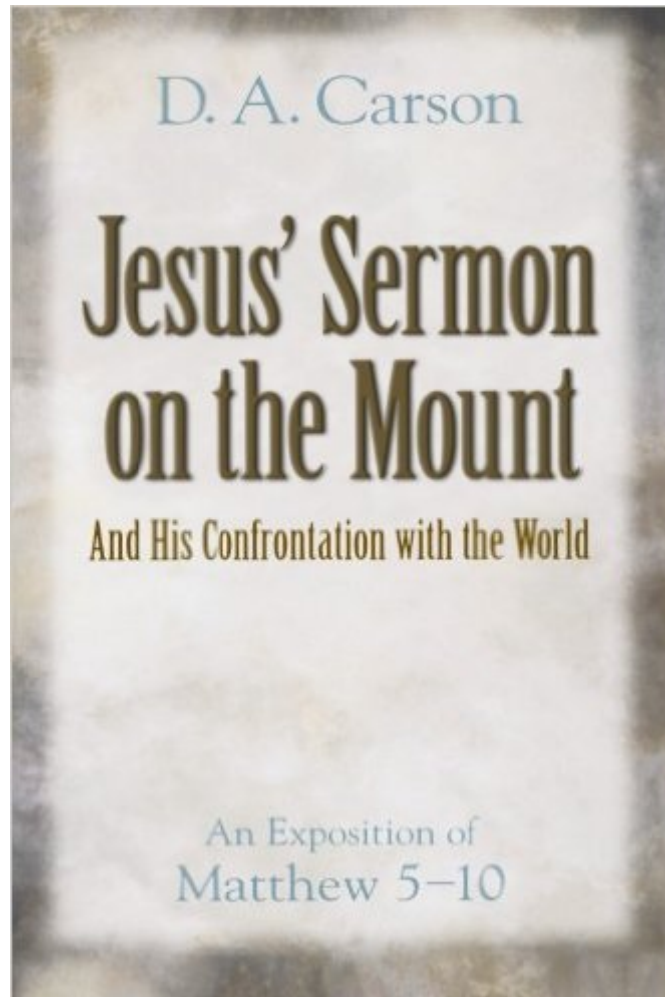


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Customer Reviews

This book contains Carson's book on the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) from 1978 and his 1987 *_When Jesus Confronts the World_* on Matthew 8-10. Both books are excellent, and it's nice to have them in one volume. The original Sermon on the Mount book discussed some historical, critical, and theological questions within the main text, and Carson has now separated that material into appendices, making the main body of the text more like that of the second book. Both books originated out of sermons, and therefore they are quite accessible, yet the fact that they're from one of the foremost evangelical biblical scholars today ensures that they flow out of the best biblical scholarship. This book is an excellent place to get into this section of Matthew without the full study of a commentary and all the distractions therein. It focuses on the main theological and practical points in the text, making it useful for understanding the point of the text for the Christian life, yet it does it from someone who is a published scholar on the book of Matthew, which gives it far more backing than slimmer studies tend to have.

This combining of two of his books is a handy way of taking on the Sermon on the Mount. Carson has a very informative way of helping you to understand this sermon and his additional chapters 8

through 10 are a bonus even if you are not going to cover them.

Misty Edwards, in her book, "What is the Point?" listed Carson's commentary on the Sermon on the Mount in her list of recommended commentaries on the subject. I got it to augment my own study of this aspect of Jesus' teachings. It has not disappointed. It is edifying and practical and balanced. I highly recommend it to anyone who is serious about following Jesus' life and teachings.

Theologically sound, well written, easy to follow and understand. I am a committed follower of the Lord who leads a weekly Bible Study but am by no means a deep thinker. Just what I needed as reference material.

This book is a must-have if you are studying/preaching through the Sermon on the Mount. Carson is well-versed on the scholarship on this section, yet writes with great warmth. As with most of Carson's work, you will find your mind filled and your heart moved by his notes on the most significant sermon in the history of the world!

I have spent what seems to be a small fortune on books on the sermon on the mount and/or the beatitudes. Some have been scholarly; some have been practical. Yet never did these works quench my thirst for understanding this essential teaching of the Lord Christ Jesus. Yet when I started reading this book, just after reading about the first beatitude, I sensed the Spirit of the Lord within and praised the Lord for this book. Finally, after a ten year on and off study of the first of Jesus' teaching, God allowed me to find this book. This far exceeds anything I have read; it answers the questions I had of this WONDERFUL TEACHING OF THE KING OF KINGS, THE LORD OF LORDS. It is neither like a shallow pond, with its mud stirred up, which seems deep because the bottom is not within view. This false depth is typical of many scholarly works on this subject, which do not satisfy us with truth but distract our intellect with wordiness. Nor is this like many practical works, which often depend on a false piety due to a lack of the exegetical skills and effort needed to crack the tough code of this passage. Just get it, buy it. You must understand the first teaching of Christ, since all His teaching and His great commission point back to this beginning. To serve Him and enter His kingdom, His first teaching, the beatitudes and the sermon on the mount, are HIS REQUIREMENT, SINCE THEY ARE HIS COMMANDS, HIS REQUIREMENTS OF ENTRANCE INTO HIS KINGDOM.

Carson has a way of bringing common sense exegesis to what seems to be a familiar text. Through his lucid teaching, the S on the M becomes more nuanced. What makes this a more thorough study than some, is that Carson deals with the S on the M (Matt.5-7) and the aftermath of this teaching on its first listeners (8-10). I just finished this, and I am sending it as a gift. If you want to have a better grasp of the practicalities of Jesus' S on the M, get this book.

Clarity and a thorough treatment is what is expected from Mr. Carson, and he delivers. His work on this section of scripture helps to open the reader's understanding of this sermon, thereby experiencing a more full impact of what it means for us. Taking the sermon from pious platitudes to hard-edged confrontation so that we can take an honest assessment of ourselves is essential for us to know what it means to be citizen's of the kingdom of heaven.

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