Matthew 4:12 – Matthew 19:1

**I) The Sermon on the Mount (Chapters 5-7)**

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| **Component** | **Verses** | **Subject** |
| The Beatitudes | 5:3-16 | The subjects of the kingdom |
| Moral Standards | 5:17-48 | Christ vs “it was said” |
| Religious Motives | 6:1-18 | Alms (6:1)  Prayer (6:5)  Fasting (6:16) |
| Mammon Worship | 6:19-24 | Earthiness vs Godliness |
| Temporal Cares | 6:25-34 | Anxiety vs trust in God |
| Social Discernment | 7:1-6 | Censuring (7:1)  Indiscretion (7:6) |
| Encouragements | 7:7-11 | Prayer makes it all practicable |
| Summary in a Sentence | 7:12 | Such a life fulfills scripture |
| The Alternatives | 7:13-14 | Two ways: broad vs narrow |
| Final Warnings | 7:15-27 | False prophets (7:15)  False profession (7:21)  False foundation (7:26) |

The first three sections concern virtues, morals, and motives.

The next three concern things material, temporal, and social.

The next three give encouragement, summary, and exhortation.

The last then closes with three solemn warnings.

Alternatives:

Two ways, broad and narrow

Two gates, wide and strait

Two destinations, life and destruction

Two classes of travelers, many and few

Two kinds of trees, good and corrupt

Two sorts of fruit, good and bad

Two builders, wise and foolish

Two foundations, rock and sand

Two houses,two storms, two results

**II) The Ten Miracles (Chapters 8-10)**

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| **Miracle** | **Scripture Reference** |
| The cleansing of the leper | 8:1-4 |
| Centurian’s servant | 8:5-13 |
| Peter’s Mother-in-law | 8:14-15 |
| The stilling of the storm | 8:23-7 |
| Gergesene demoniacs healed | 8:28-34 |
| Man cured | 9:1-8 |
| Woman with hemorrhage | 9:18-22 |
| Ruler’s daughter | 9:23-26 |
| Two blind men | 9:27-31 |
| Demoniac healed | 9:32-34 |

Additionally, in these chapters which group the miracles there are two generalizing statements that Jesus healed “all” and “every” sickness.

Chapter 10 narrates the most comprehensive miracle of all – the imparting of this miracle working power to the 12 Apostles, so they too, might extend the glad tidings and healing benefits of the kingdom. Yet, no particular exercise of that imparted power is recorded, so that our gaze is still kept focused on the 10 miracles in the chart.

The lay out of the miracles is as follows:

1. The first three
2. A brek in which the Lord answers certain would be followers who had become enthused by His mighty works.
3. The next three miracles
4. Another break in which the Lord answers the Pharisees and John’s disciples.
5. The remaining four
6. A completive comment about Jesus going about all the cities and villages healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

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| **Grouping** | **Purpose** | **Result** |
| The first three miracles | Heal functional diseases which affect the whole body | Desire of some to follow “Wherever You go” |
| The second three miracles | To show our Lord’s power in other spheres   1. The natural realm (stilling the storm) 2. The spirit realm (the expelling of demons) 3. The moral realm (your sins are forgiven/pardoned) | The crowds “marveled and glorified God” |
| The final four miracles | Concern local and organic ailments of the body (i.e. bleeding, blindness, dumbness, raising the dead) | The crowds marveled, saying “it was never so seen in Israel” |

In Scripture the number 10 signifies representative completeness, a marking of the entire round or cycle:

1. There are 10 generations of the antediluvian era; There are 10 plagues on Egypt, representing the complete circle of divine judgment.
2. There are 10 commandments of the Law: and there are 10 kingdoms symbolizing the world power of anti-Christ.

These 10 miracles are selected by Matthew because of some note-worthy feature attaching to each of them.

1. In the first trio we are pointed to something remarkable which Jesus Himself did or said.
2. In the next trio there are three remarkable utterances about Jesus by other speakers.
3. In the final quartette there are four notable culminations.

**III) The Ten reactions (Chapters 11-18)**

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| **Who Reacted** | **Scripture Reference** | **Result** | **Scripture Reference** |
| John the Baptist | 11:2-15 | Undecided | 11:3 |
| This generation | 11:16-19 | Unresponsive | 11:17 |
| Galilean cities | 11:20-30 | Unrepentant | 11:20 |
| The Pharisees | 12:2,10,14,24,38 | Unreasonable | 12:10,14,24 |
| The crowds | Chapter 13[[1]](#footnote-1) | Undiscerning | 13:13-15 |
| The Nazarethites | 13:53-58 | Unbelieving | 13:58 |
| Herod the king | 14:1-13 | Unintelligent | 14:2 |
| Jerusalem scribes | 15:1-20 | Unconciliatory | 15:2,12 |
| Pharisees, Sadducees | 16:1-12 | Unrelenting | 16:1 |
| The 12 Apostles | 16:13-20 | Glad recognition | 16:16 |

1. It is clear that in the parables of Chapter 13 Jesus was summing up the results of His public teaching thus far. The first of the parables shows only a small number among the vast crowds were “good ground” hearers. All through He has the crowds in mind; and His verdict on them is seen in versus 13-15. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)