



Title | Born Loser
Series | Nativity Humility
Text | John 17:18; Matthew 5:3-13
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Sermon Notes

John 17:18 “As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.” *ESV*

Matthew 5:3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **4** Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. **5** Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. **6** Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. **7** Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. **8** Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. **9** Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. **10** Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **11** Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. **13** You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.” *ESV*

Big Idea:

John 17:18 “As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.” *ESV*

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read John 17:18 and Matthew 5:3-13. What is the connection between the way Jesus sends us into the world in John 17:18 and the characteristics he lists as blessed in Matthew 5:3-13?

Tuesday:

Reread Matthew 5:3-12. How do these characteristics strike you? Are these the characteristics of a “winner” or a “loser?” In what ways was Jesus a born loser?

Wednesday:

Reread Matthew 5:13. What does it mean to be the salt of the earth? What is the connection between being salt and the characteristics listed as blessed in the preceding context?

Thursday:

According to Matthew 5:13, how can the salt lose its taste? What are the consequences? To what extent do you think the salt is losing its taste today?

Friday:

Read Colossians 4:5-6 and Titus 2:9-10. How do these relate to being salt in Matthew 5:13 and being sent in John 17:18? What difference does this make for you today?

Daily Prayer:

Father, help me to live the way Jesus was sent, humbly, to bring life. Help me to be the salt of the earth. Amen.