Living by Jesus’ First Sermon
Compiled by Paul R. Blake

Introduction:

A. Defining righteousness
   1. God has defined it in every dispensation
      a. In the beginning - Gen. 2:16-17
      b. After the flood - Gen. 9:1, 8-9
      c. At the call of Abraham - Gen. 12:1-3
      d. As Israel left Egypt - Ex. 12:1-20
      e. At Mount Sinai - Ex. 20:1-2
      f. At the return from captivity - Neh. 8:1-8
   2. And in every dispensation, humankind redefined it

B. Jesus had to return their understanding to what God means by righteousness
   1. Matt. 5:17-20

I. HOW DOES GOD DEFINE RIGHTEOUSNESS?

1. Godly Living - 5:13-16
2. Handling Anger - 5:21-26
3. Purity of Heart - 5:27-30
4. Faithfulness in Marriage - 5:31-32
5. Truthfulness - 5:33-37
7. Excelling in Love - 5:43-48
8. Secret Good Deeds - 6:1-4
9. Prayer Life - 6:5-13
10. Genuine Forgiveness - 6:14-15
11. Private Devotion - 6:16-18
12. Spiritual Motives - 6:19-21
13. Purity in Judgment - 6:22-23
14. Unbound to Riches - 6:24
15. Trusting God - 6:25-34
16. Righteous Judgment - 7:1-6
17. Persistence in Prayer - 7:7-12
18. God's Way - 7:13-14
19. Fruitfulness - 7:15-20
   a. Micah 3:5 - They treated best the prophets who said what they wanted to hear; but they will turn on them when the good treatment stops
   b. John 15:2 - It’s not enough to be an olive tree or a grapevine; you must be productive. Not a message they wanted to hear; being Jewish was enough in their minds. Is being a Christian enough for you?
   c. Matt. 3:10 - You are known for what you do, not what you say or think.
      Good fruit or goodbye
20. Obedience - 7:21-23
   b. James 1:22-24 - Familiar vs. fervent
21. Preparation - 7:24-27
   b. Requires extra effort and doing the work before the crisis
22. A different kind of teacher - 7:28-29
   a. Matt. 13:54; John 7:46
   b. It was the content, not the delivery
   c. It was confidence conferred by truth, not bravado brought on by audience approval