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EPIPHANY

In our Gospel reading last week, we began to hear some of the things Jesus said to his friends about living in God's Kingdom as his children. These things that Jesus told his friends take up three chapters in the Gospel that Matthew wrote. They are called the **SERMON ON THE MOUNT**. This week we are reading the next part of it.

LIKE SALT AND LIKE LIGHT

Matthew 5:13-20

JESUS WAS TELLING HIS FRIENDS HOW TO LIVE AS GOD'S CHILDREN AND MAKE HIS KINGDOM GROW!



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Jesus told his friends to be like salt and like light, because that was what he was like. Like salt, Jesus brought out the flavor in what the Bible said about God. Like light, Jesus made God easier to know and understand. The things that Jesus said and did help us to know and believe that God really loves us forever!

ISAIAH 58:7-8
"If you share with the poor and needy, then God will make you shine like the dawn"

PSALM 112:4
"God shines a light in the darkness for those who are merciful and obey him"

1 CORINTHIANS 2:5
"Our faith does not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power"