

Matt. 5:1-2

- I. Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount (1-2)
 - A. Jesus went up on the mountainside to address the crowd (1a-b)
 - 1. Seeing the crowds (1a)
 - 2. He went up into the mountainside (1b)
 - B. He sat down and the disciples gathered to Him (1c-d)
 - 1. After He sat down (1c)
 - 2. His disciples went to Him (1d)

C. He taught the Sermon on the Mount (2a)

1. He began to speak and taught them (2a-b)

a Opening His mouth (2a)

This is obviously just a preliminary action, introducing the act of teaching.

b He taught them (2b)

The content of the Sermon on the Mount is “teaching” with the intention to inform, but also to inspire to action, based on the newly learned information. Here Jesus began the actual activity of teaching, described in the next few chapters.

2. By saying: (2c)

This is a typical discourse formula introducing the content of what was said. But in this case, the content is a large block of material extending to the end of chapter 7.

II. *The Sermon on the Mount* [see outlines of later passages] (5:3-7:27)