

SERMON ON THE MOUNT



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The Sermon on the Mount

Opening: The audience sings (lyrics below)

Part 1: **Sermon on the Mount**

Response: The audience sings again (lyrics below)

Part 2: **Conversation with the Actor**

Blest Are They

Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the Kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

Rejoice & be glad! Blessed are you! Holy are you!
Rejoice & be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill.

Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God!

Blest are they who seek peace, they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs.

Blest are you who suffer hate all because of me.
Rejoice & be glad! Yours is the Kingdom, shine for all to see!

About Frank Runyeon

Frank Runyeon has received national acclaim for his work as a translator and performer of Biblical texts over the past 30 years. He has performed the Gospel for hundreds of thousands of people in virtually every state in America.

He is probably still best known, however, for his many roles on television. He starred for seven years as Steve Andropoulos on *As the World Turns* opposite Meg Ryan, and for four years as Fr. Michael Donnelly on the Emmy-award-winning *Santa Barbara*. He also appeared opposite Emma Samms on *General Hospital* as playboy Simon Romero. He has guest-starred in recurring roles on *L.A. LAW*, *Falcon Crest*, *All My Children*, *Another World* and *Melrose Place*. **In 2016, he was nominated for a Daytime EMMY** for his guest role as Angel on *The Young and the Restless*.

Frank starred in the feature film *SUDDEN DEATH* as Detective Marty Lowery. **He received rave reviews on the New York stage** as Hercules in Aristophanes' comedy, *The Birds* at the LaMama Theatre. He has also hosted his own comedy talk show on the top-rated L.A. talk-radio station, KFI, and on WCNN in Atlanta.

Frank is a graduate of Princeton University with a degree in Religion and American Studies. He wrote his thesis on the Mass Media. He is Catholic, and has studied at Fuller Seminary, Yale Divinity School, and the General Theological Seminary in New York, where he received his Masters Degree with honors.

Frank has translated and adapted six Biblical texts for one-man theatrical performance:

- *Sermon on the Mount*
- *AFRAID! The Gospel of Mark*
- *SIGNS: The Gospel of John*
- *LUKE: Stories on the Road*
- *The Letter of James*, and
- *The 3 1/2 Stories of Christmas*, a joyful comedy, with music.

He tours these productions around the country concurrently with his talks on *Hollywood vs. Faith*. He is writing a book, due out next year, *Escape from Hollywood: A TV Actor's Unlikely Journey to Faith*.