

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**

Lead Me, Lord

Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord,
For God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled,
And the meek shall come to rule the world.

**Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth
To seek and to find the narrow way.
Be my way; be my truth; be my life, my Lord,
And lead me, Lord, today.**

Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs,
And the pure in heart shall see their God.
Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill,
For I say they shall be satisfied. (CHORUS)

Blest are they who through their lifetimes
sow the seeds of peace;
All will call them children of the Lord.
Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life,
For in heaven, great is your reward. (CHORUS)

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 appearance 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 has also 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: What Are You Doing?*, and
- *THE 3 1/2 STORIES OF CHRISTMAS*, a comedy, with music.

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