

Matthew 5:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

Analysis

The posture of sitting indicates formal, authoritative teaching. In Jewish culture, rabbis sat while students stood or sat at their feet. Jesus opens His mouth to speak—emphasizing the deliberate, significant nature of what follows. This is not casual conversation but divine instruction.

Historical Context

First-century rabbis typically sat to deliver formal instruction. Standing might indicate informal or prophetic utterance, but sitting showed the teacher's authority. The phrase 'opened his mouth' is a Semitic idiom indicating solemn, weighty teaching.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. Why does Scripture emphasize that Jesus 'sat' and 'opened his mouth'?
2. How should we approach Jesus's teaching with reverence and expectation?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ἀνοίξας	τὸ	στόμα	αὐτοῦς	ἐδίδασκεν	αὐτοῦς	λέγων
And	he opened	G3588	mouth	them	and taught	them	saying
G2532	G455		G4750	G846	G1321	G846	G3004

Additional Cross-References

Acts 8:35 (Parallel theme): Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

Acts 10:34 (Parallel theme): Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

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