



# 19 Minutes With the Messiah

## The Salt of the Earth

(Matthew 5:13)

Jesus' Body as the Temple  
The Living Water  
New Cloth  
New Wine in Old Wineskins  
▶ **The Salt of the Earth**  
The Light of the World  
The House Built on the Rock  
The Two Debtors  
The Sower  
The Weeds  
The Growing Seed  
The Mustard Seed  
The Yeast  
The Hidden Treasure  
The Fine Pearl  
The Net  
I AM the Bread of Life  
Becoming Childlike  
The Unmerciful Servant  
I AM the Light of the World  
I AM the Gate  
I AM the Good Shepherd  
The Good Samaritan  
The Friend at Midnight  
The Rich Fool  
The Wise Servant  
The Barren Fig Tree  
The Great Banquet  
The Lost Sheep  
The Lost Coin  
The Lost Son  
The Shrewd Manager  
The Rich Man and Lazarus  
The Unworthy Servants  
I AM the Resurrection and the Life  
The Persistent Widow  
The Pharisee and  
the Tax Collector  
The Workers in the Vineyard  
The Ten Minas  
The Two Sons  
The Wicked Tenants  
The Wedding Feast  
The Fig Tree  
The Householder  
The Ten Virgins  
The Talents  
The Sheep and the Goats  
A Lesson About Foot Washing  
I AM the Way  
I AM the True Vine  
The Woman in Labor  
I AM the Alpha and the Omega

<sup>13</sup>[Jesus said,] "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men."

1. Salt is valuable. For what purposes do we use it?
2. Salt was very valuable in Jesus' day as well and had many uses. In that time, long before electric freezers, for what important purpose was salt used?
3. Underline the correct word or words and explain Jesus' sentence: "You (ought to be; will be; are; may be) the salt of the earth."
4. The following passage gives insight into a Christian's purpose, which Jesus had in mind when he said, "You are the salt of the earth." Read the passage. What purpose are Christians to serve in this world?  

*"Abraham approached [the LORD] and said: . . . 'What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep [Sodom] away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it?' The LORD said, 'If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake'" (Genesis 18:23,24,26).*
5. The Lord wants his people to serve as a preservative and to counteract the moral decay of the society in which they live. List several specific ways in which Christians will carry out this purpose. What is the most effective way in which this can be done?
6. The salt of Jesus' day came in a very impure form. If it became moist or wet, the chemical compound could be washed out and the salt would "[lose] its saltiness." Christians can also lose their "saltiness." How?