

SALT OF THE EARTH, LIGHT OF THE WORLD



MATHEW 5.13-16

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OVERVIEW

Mt 5.1-2: Preamble to Sermon

+ • on the Mount

Mt 5.3-12: The Eight Beatitudes

Mt 5.13-16: Salt & Light Passage

BEATITUDES (MT 5.3-12)

From the Latin “beatus,” which means “blessed” or “happy”

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LAST BEATITUDE



*“Blessed are those who are **persecuted** because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Mt 5.10)*

MT 5.11-12

¹¹ *"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."*



MATTHEW 5.13

13 “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 underfoot.

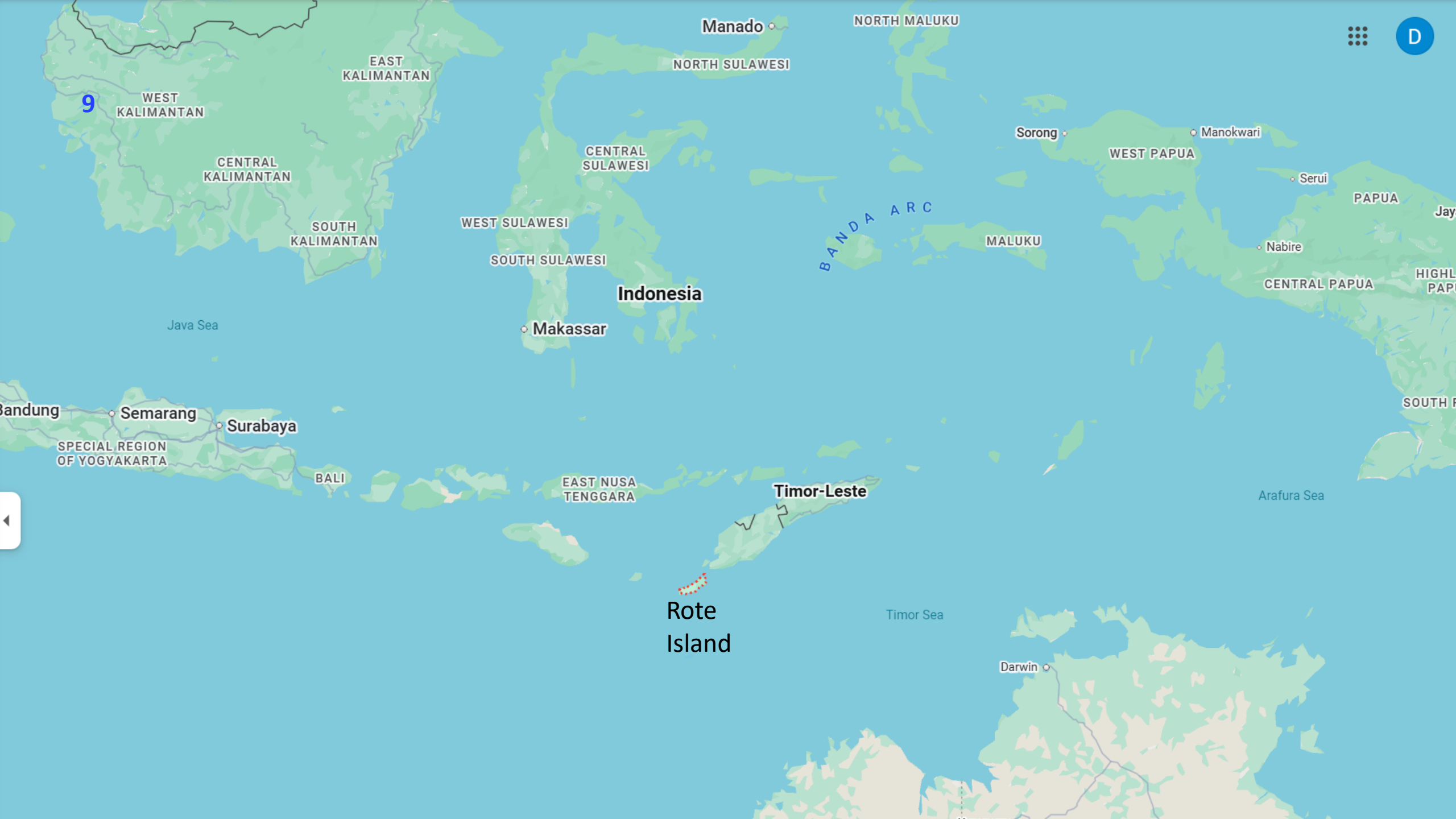
MATTHEW 5.14-16

*14 “You are the light of the world. A town built
on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵*

*Neither do people light a lamp and put it under
a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it
gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the
same way, let your light shine before
others, that they may see your good deeds and
glorify your Father in heaven.*







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Manado

NORTH MALUKU

NORTH SULAWESI

EAST KALIMANTAN

WEST KALIMANTAN

CENTRAL KALIMANTAN

SOUTH KALIMANTAN

CENTRAL SULAWESI

WEST SULAWESI

SOUTH SULAWESI

Indonesia

Makassar

BANDA ARC

MALUKU

Sorong

WEST PAPUA

Manokwari

Serui

PAPUA

Nabire

CENTRAL PAPUA

HIGH PAPUA

SOUTH PAPUA

Bandung

Semarang

Surabaya

SPECIAL REGION OF YOGYAKARTA

BALI

EAST NUSA TENGGARA

Timor-Leste

Rote Island

Timor Sea

Darwin

Arafura Sea

Latin “salarium” comes from “sal” (or salt)

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“Salarium” is the salt-allowance or salt money in Roman times.

From “salarium,” we derive the word “salary” today.

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Although salt is valuable, its value comes from not from what it does for itself, but from what it does for others.



***Traititional family values
under attack.***



PAGAN SOUNDBITES

- ☐ 'Male-female' marriage is outdated
- ☐ Moral values: up to me to decide
- ☐ Marriage need not be lifelong
- ☐ Multiple partners is okay
- ☐ LBGTQ+ & sexual diversity is cool

OUR RESPONSE

Prove to the world that **our marriages** that are built on a lifelong “one man-one woman” union; and **our relationships** that are also committed to the vows of faithfulness and fidelity; and **our moral values** which are built on the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount – those are the bedrock upon which we can build happy, lasting, wholesome, and secure families.

John 8.12:

“I am the light of the world.”

Matthew 5.14: *“You
are the light of the
world.”*

**Ye Are The
Light Of The
World**





KEY IDEA

Our lives must be the gospel acted out, visible to all, near and far.

JUSTIN MARTYR

“We who used to value the acquisition of wealth and possessions more than anything else now bring what we have into a common fund and share it with anyone who needs it. We used to hate and destroy one another and refuse to associate with people of another race or country. Now, because of Christ, we live together with such people and pray for our enemies.”



Plague of Cyprian, AD 249-262



EMPEROR JULIAN, AD 361-363

“the impious Galileans [or Christians], in addition to their own, also support ours, and it is shameful that our poor should be wanting of our aid.”



WHEN IT COMES TO THE 21ST CENTURY,
THE SCRIPT IS STILL THE SAME. THE
CHURCH IS STILL CALLED TO BE GOD'S SALT
& LIGHT IN SOCIETY.



MR ONG'S ANNOUNCEMENT

*“Over the last two years, I’ve hardly said anything to any of you. **But I have eyes to see.** I saw how Mrs Ang and many church members constantly came to visit my wife. They were strangers when they first came; but in the end they were like family to her. They loved my wife more deeply than what I could even expect from my own extended family. I want to make a simple announcement. I intend to accept Jesus as my personal Saviour after the funeral is over. I want to also be baptized into the same faith as my dear wife.”*