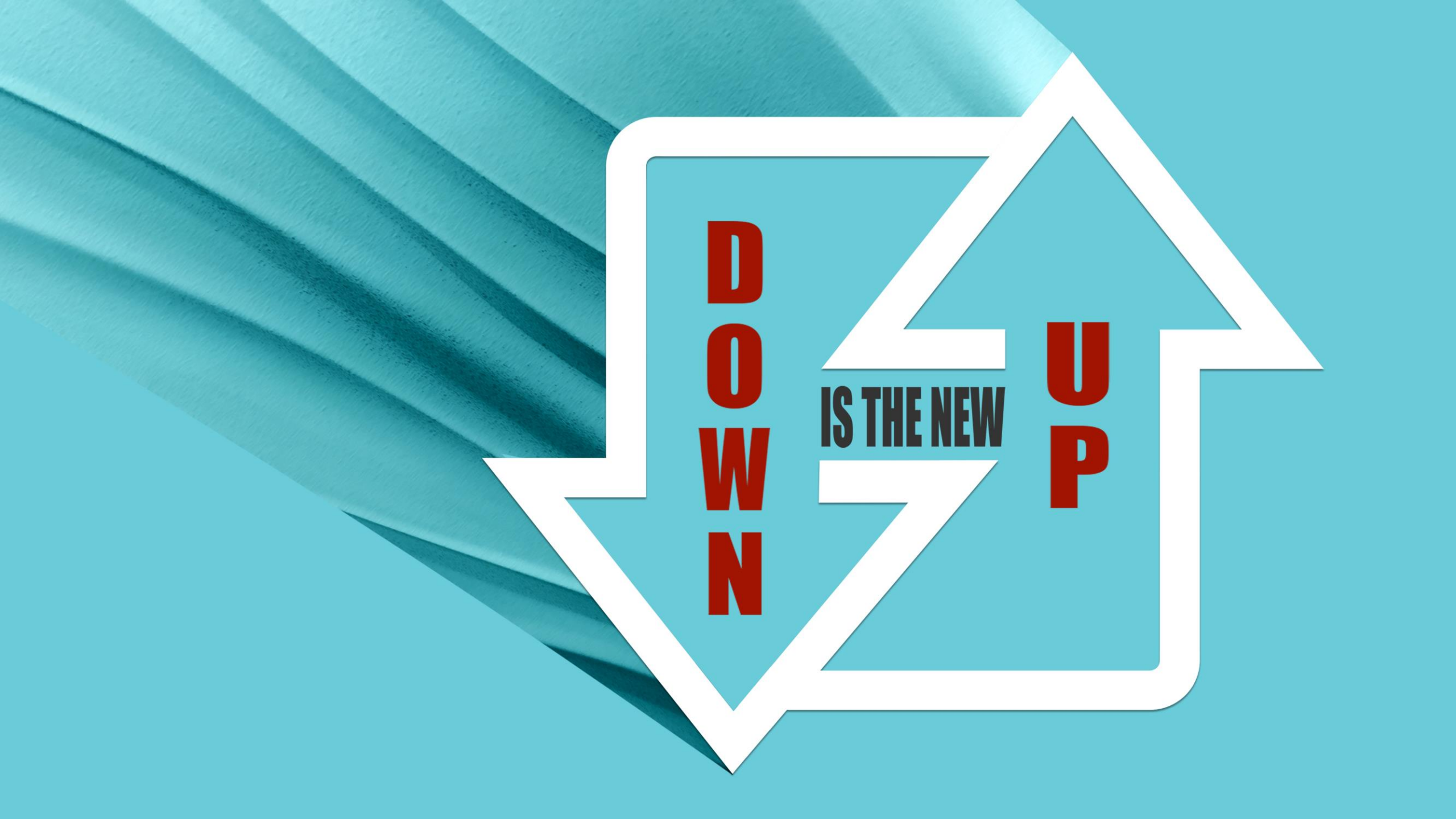


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MATTHEW 5:1-2

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- ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:



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MATTHEW 5:3-5

- 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
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- 5 Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.



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MATTHEW 5:6-8

- ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.



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MATTHEW 5:9-12

- ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
- ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”



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ISAIAH 61:1-4

¹ The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
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he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
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- ² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
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to comfort all who mourn;
- ³ to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
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“God will comfort now in part and fully in the future.”

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