

When I AM says, “You are...”
Matthew 5:13; John 4:1-42

Intro: A few words about salt...

- I. Context for Matthew 5:13
 - a. The speaker: I AM (Exodus 3:14; John 8:58)
 - b. The audience: crowds (Matthew 4:25; 5:1)
 - c. The setting: mountainside – Jesus’ sermon
- II. Content
 - a. “You are...” – What Jesus says, IS.
 - b. “...the salt of the earth.”
 - i. Salt as preservative (Genesis 18)
 - ii. Salt adds flavor (Psalm 34:8; Colossians 4:6)
 - iii. Salt stimulates thirst
- III. A Case Study: John 4:1-42
 - a. Jesus stimulates spiritual thirst
 - b. Jesus satisfies spiritual thirst
 - c. Jesus gains a salty witness

Conclusion: Saltiness = connection/direction to Jesus Christ.

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Bonus Material for Family Bible Study after Worship:

- How do we reconcile Matthew 5:14 with John 8:12?