

The background of the image is a landscape featuring rolling hills in the foreground, silhouetted against a bright sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the sky with warm, golden light. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds. A solid orange rectangular box is centered in the upper half of the image, containing the text in a white, distressed, stencil-like font.

SERMON ON THE MOUNT: DON'T BE A HYPOCRITE

CONTEXT

- **Greater literary setting:** “He went... proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and [healed] every disease” - Mt. 4.23; 9.35
- **Theme:** How to enter the kingdom of heaven. - Mt. 5.20; 7.13; 21
- **Immediate literary setting:** “Beware of practicing your righteousness...in order to be seen” Mt. 6.1

DON'T BE A HYPOCRITE

- “...[don't be] like the hypocrites...”
 - God cares, not only about what we do but why we do it.
 - We will get what we seek and nothing more.
 - Ultimately, glory chasing is inauthentic and shallow.
- “but when you _____ [do it] in secret”
 - My goal is to please God and God alone.
 - When my goal is to please God, He will reward me.
 - This is a “substance over show” type of righteousness.



**Are your acts of
righteousness authentic?**