

Sermon on the Mount

Christ and the Law

Points to Consider

1. Clarifying His Mission
2. Clarifying the Certainty of Success
3. Clarifying Prerequisites of Kingdom Entrance

Clarifying His Mission

Matt 5:17 *Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.*

Jesus felt it was important for Him to inform the audience that His intent was not to destroy the law but to _____ it.
Jesus is going to challenge their _____ of the law, but was not coming to destroy the law.

Matt 12:1-8 *At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. 2 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!" 3 But He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: 4 how he entered the house of God and ate the showbread which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? 5 Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless? 6 Yet I say to you that in this place there is One greater than the temple. 7 But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless. 8 For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."*

Jesus was challenging their _____ interpretation of keeping the Sabbath. He was not giving them permission to violate the Sabbath.
He was not destroying the Law until _____ was fulfilled.

Luke 10:25-26 *And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" 27 So he answered and said, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."*

When a lawyer asked Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life, Jesus _____ him to the law.

Jesus _____ with his interpretation of the law.

Jesus told him to do that and _____.

John 8:45-47 *But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. 46 Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? 47 He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."*

Jesus followed the law _____! (1 Pet. 2: 22; Heb. 4: 15)

Clarifying the Certainty of Success

Matt 5:18 *For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.*

Jesus said that there is _____ way the law will pass away until all is fulfilled.

Matt 26:39-46 *Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." 42 Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done." 43 And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. 44 So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. 45 Then He came to His disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand."*

Jesus' request in the garden could not be granted because everything in the law _____ to be fulfilled.

John 12:27-28 *Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify Your name."*

Jesus knew that he had come to the earth to fulfill the law. He knew he would have to _____.

Matt 26:52-54 *But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. 53 Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? 54 How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?"*

After His prayer in the garden, Jesus tells Peter that what was about to happen was so the Scriptures could be fulfilled.

Luke 24:44-49 *Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." 45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 And you are witnesses of these things.*

After Jesus suffered, died, and rose from the dead, He _____ the law. It wasn't until this point that the apostles understood the _____ of the scriptures.

Clarifying Prerequisites of Kingdom Entrance

Matt 5:19-20 *Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.*

Jesus taught that it was important to _____, and teach others to keep, the law. Our righteousness must _____ the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees if we are to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matt 15:3-7 *He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? 4 For God commanded, saying, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' 5 But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God" — 6 then he need not honor his father or mother.' Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition.*

Our righteousness does not exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees when we _____ man's tradition over God's commandments.

Matt 23:5-12 *But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments. 6 They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues, 7 greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, 'Rabbi, Rabbi.' 8 But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren. 9 Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. 10 And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ. 11 But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. 12 And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.*

Our righteousness does not exceed the scribes and Pharisees when we _____ God's glory.

Matt 23:23-24 *Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. 24 Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!*

Our righteousness does not exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees when we:

- focus on the details and forget the weightier matters of the law: justice and _____ and faith.
- focus on looking good instead of _____ good.

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