

THE JESUS WAY

THE SPIRIT OF THE LAW

JUNE 8 & 9, 2024

Interpretive key to the Sermon on the Mount:

"...unless your righteousness **surpasses** that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law..." (Matthew 5:20)

Jesus is not introducing a _____ law

Jesus is refocusing them on the _____ of the law:

_____ every person as an _____ of God

"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27)

God wants to...

1. Protect the _____ of every _____ (Matt 5:21-26)

"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister, will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

"Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

2. Protect the _____ of every _____ (Matt 5:27-30)

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

3. Protect the _____ of every _____ (Matt 5:31-32)

"It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Resources Used for this message:

Bible Project: www.bibleproject.com

The Story of God Bible Commentary, Scott McKnight

The Sermon on the Mount and Human Flourishing, Jonathan T. Pennington

The Gospel of Matthew, R.T. France

Support Groups at TLC: tlc.org/supportgroups tlc.org/recovery

QUESTIONS *For personal reflection or group discussion*

1. Please read Matthew 5:21-32. What stood out to you most in the sermon this weekend? What is one application you took away from the sermon?

2. Why does Jesus connect anger and name-calling to murder? How is looking at someone lustfully rooted in the same attitude as adultery?

3. What do you think Jesus actually meant when he said to "cut off your hand" and "pluck out your eye"?

4. When you consider Jesus' words in Matthew 5:21-32, what does he seem to be saying about the value of humans?

LIFE AT TLC

CONGRATULATIONS GRADS

THIS weekend we're celebrating grads! Whether you graduated from Kindergarten or College we want to celebrate you! Pick up your special gift after service!

KRUZ KIDZ SUMMER DAY CAMP

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SUMMER LINEUP

Summer is just around the corner and we have some great fun in store! Check out what is happening in June:

June 15/16 - Father's Day Weekend - gift for all dads!

June 23 - Annual Meeting following the Sunday 11am service!

June 29/30 - Independence Weekend BBQ!

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