



**Who Do You Think Jesus Is?**  
**January 19, 2025 | Matthew 5:17-20**  
**Questions for Study and Group Discussion**

*\*\* Before you begin, please read Matthew 5:17-20.*

1. Ice-breaker: Imagine you asked 6-8 random individuals on the street who Jesus is. What responses do you think you'd get?
2. Why is it important to learn as much as we can about who Jesus is, as revealed in the Bible? (Or think of this way: What's at stake with this question, "Who do you think Jesus is?")
3. What do you learn about Jesus in Matthew 5:17-20 that is new to you, or that may be overlooked in popular conceptions of Jesus' identity?
4. What does it mean that Jesus came to "fulfill the Law" (v. 17) and why is this significant?
5. Read the following passages, then share how they add to or reinforce the truth that the Old Testament points forward to Jesus Christ.
  - Luke 24:27
  - John 5:39
6. How does the truth that Jesus came to fulfill the Law help you understand the relationship between the Old Testament and the New Testament?
7. Re-read Matthew 5:19-20. What are your knee jerk reactions to what Jesus says here?
8. Read Romans 8:3-4 and 2 Corinthians 5:21. Based on these verses, how can we "surpass the righteousness of the Pharisees and teachers of the law" and "enter the kingdom of heaven"?
9. How can seeing Christ as our Substitute motivate our desire to follow Him in every area of our lives?
10. How does what you've learned about Jesus in this passage affect what following Him faithfully looks like, practically speaking?
11. What other questions or comments do you have about what you've looked at in the Bible today?
12. What was your biggest take-away from the message? Why?
13. **Challenge:** Identify one way this passage is challenging or encouraging you. Who can you tell about what you're learning this coming week?
14. **Challenge:** Memorize 2 Corinthians 5:21: God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.