

King and Messiah Week 9

Read Matthew 5:17-20

What accusation was seemingly thrown at Jesus and how does he answer it in these verses?

How does Jesus fulfill “the Law or the Prophets” (v. 17)?

How does this passage challenge our tendency to drift both toward legalism and license?

Read Matthew 5:21-26

How does Jesus challenge the status quo understanding of “do not murder”?

Read Matthew 5:27-32

How do these verses confront the common notion of “if my sin doesn’t hurt anyone it’s not that bad”?

According to verses 29 and 30, what kind of attitude should we have toward the sin in our life?

Read Matthew 5:33-37

What’s the difference between living righteous before God and righteous before people?

Read Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus teaches us not to follow the pattern of the world. Why does it seem so easy to follow the world? What steps does a Christ follower take to begin changing ingrained habits of behavior?

What kind of salt and light would you be if you regularly lived out verses 21-48?

Other observations/questions: