

Jesus On the Law

Matthew 5:17-20

1. Jesus _____, not _____, the Law (v 17)
2. The entire Word of God is here _____(v 18)
3. So (therefore) don't _____it (v19)
4. You've got to _____the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees to live under God's kingship (v20)

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT:

1. In your own personal reading, how much time do you spend in the Old Testament? Are there certain parts you tend to come back to? Why? What do you value about your OT reading?
2. What evidence can you put together from Jesus' ministry and teaching to explain why people would have thought that He came to abolish the Law and the Prophets (v17)?
3. Name some ways in which Jesus fulfilled the Law and Prophets. (See, for example, Isaiah 53, Psalm 22, Mt 1:22, 2:5, 15, 3:15; Gal 3:24-25, 4:4; Heb 1:1-2; 1 Pet 1:18-19, Rom 3:21-26)
4. How can our righteousness exceed that of the scribes and the Pharisees (v20)? See Jeremiah 31:33 and Ezekiel 36:26-27, as well as Romans 3:21-26. What was the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees like? How does it compare to ours?
5. Think about the idea of commandments becoming statements of fact that describe how we operate from a changed heart. Can you name one that is particularly precious to you?
6. What do we need to do when we find ourselves tempted to violate God's standards?