

Why Jesus Came: in His Own Words
Matthew 5:17-20
The Savior and His Spiritual Sword, part 2

- In this great sermon, “The Sermon on the Mount,” Jesus the Great Physician takes the spiritual sword of God’s Law and cuts it straight and deep to do heart surgery upon His hearers.
- In an amazing way, Jesus tells us why He came to earth in His own words.

1. He Came to Perfectly Obey the Word of God, v.17

Matthew 5:17; Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

A. Destroy: to pull it to pieces, tear down, or overthrow its authority.

B. Fulfill: to complete and fill up the measure of it.

2. He Came to Prophetically Fulfill the Word of God, v.17

- Jesus teaches that He came to fulfill or complete the prophecies of the OT Scripture by fulfilling all the Messianic promises.

3. He Came to Powerfully Magnify the Word of God, v.18

Matthew 5:18: For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

- Jot = the smallest Hebrew letter
- Tittle = the tiniest distinguishing feature that can change one letter to another.
- This verse emphasizes for us:
 - A. The Inspiration of the Word of God: Every word in God’s Word is breathed out and inerrant (without error).

Psalm 138:2: I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: **for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.**

B. The Preservation of the Word of God:

4. He Came to Passionately Reveal the Salvation of God, v.20

A. Prophets would speak, “This saith the LORD.” But Jesus could speak, “I say unto.”

B. Jesus has a great passion for souls to enter into the Kingdom of heaven.

C. True righteousness must be imputed and internal and not artificial and external (as the Pharisees) but must be imputed and internal.

Luke 19:10; For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.