

Sermon Notes—AM What Does it Mean to Follow Jesus? **Rev. Danny Hyde, Pastor** Matthew 5:21–48 Studies in the Gospel of Matthew #14

Theme: *To follow Jesus we must give ourselves over to him completely.*

By Rightly Understanding the Law (vv. 21, 27, 31, 33, 38, 43 compared with vv. 22, 28, 32, 34, 39, 44)

By Rightly Understanding God (vv. 22, 45-48)

By Rightly Understanding Ourselves (v. 48)

Conclusion: Living Entirely Under God

"The purpose of Jesus' radical demands, which are opposed to all easy, counterfeit piety that is based solely on the letter of the law, is merely to put one into the unique position where it is possible to understand and to obey God's revealed will. His commandments teach us that a person cannot fulfill the law unless he puts himself and all that he has entirely under God's command."—Herman Ridderbos