

# Misconceptions about the Messiah

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- Jesus had a favorite saying to emphasize that what He was saying was true 18 **For verily I say**

## **unto you**

- Jesus came to fulfill the law—live it out
- He shows us that we are to do before we teach 19 **Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.**
- Our righteousness must be greater than the religious leaders of Jesus day 20 **For I say unto you, That except *your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.**

1. They didn't understand why He came or what His work was to be

A. He didn't come to destroy the law or prophets

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- i. They thought that Jesus came to destroy the law, the Word of God
- ii. He did not oppose the teachings of the Scriptures
- iii. Some wanted Jesus to end what the Old Testament taught
- iv. Others were afraid that He was trying to destroy the truth
- v. He clearly states, you do not understand what I am here to do

B. He came to fulfill the Scriptures [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.

- i. He fulfilled the law by living it out in His person
  - a. He obeyed the Word [John 8:46](#) **Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?**
  - b. He lived according to the precepts of the Word of God

- c. He was and is the sinless Son of God  
**II Corinthians 5:21** For he hath made him *to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*
- d. Jesus lived out the law. He did right. No one could find anything different about Him
- ii. He fulfilled the Scripture because they were about Him and what He was going to do
  - a. From the beginning of the Old Testament until now God was showing them Jesus
  - b. He is the seed of Eve that would crush Satan and the AntiChrist
  - c. He is the lamb that was sacrificed
  - d. He was the scapegoat that carried their sins away into the wilderness
- iii. The Old Testament sacrifices were done away with because they all pointed to Him **John 1:29** *The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*
  - a. There is no longer a need for sacrifice because Jesus is the sacrifice that all sacrifices pointed to

b. Jesus died and did what no animal sacrifice was ever able to do [Hebrews 9:12](#) Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he **entered in once** into the holy place, having **obtained eternal redemption for us.**

C. He showed them that they didn't understand the true teachings of the Scripture

- i. They thought the law was to show them how to live
- ii. The law was actually given them to show them that they couldn't [Galatians 3:24](#) Wherefore the law was our **schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ,** that we might be justified by faith. [25](#) But after that faith is come, **we are no longer under a schoolmaster.**

D. The law actually came true in the life of Jesus

[Matthew 1:22](#) Now all this was done, **that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet,** saying, [23](#)

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. [2:15](#) And was there until the death of Herod: **that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet,** saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son. [17](#) Then was **fulfilled** that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, [18](#) In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping *for* her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not. [4:14](#) That it might be **fulfilled** which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,

- E. This is a part of what Paul means in [Romans 10:4](#) when he calls Christ “the end of the law.” *For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.*

2. God's Word will never fail **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.**

- A. You have God's Word that He will see to it that His Word endures till the end
- B. Men want to invalidate the Word of God and have tried for centuries
  - i. People use church and religious traditions to speak truth and not just the Scriptures.
    - a. That is why we say and practice that the Bible is our only rule of faith and practice
    - b. One of the great problems even among evangelical, fundamental churches etc is that we do what others tell us that we should do
    - c. Great leaders of the past told us things that as we examine the Scriptures can't be found yet we stick to them
  - ii. People look to science and philosophy as a way to doubt the Word of God

- a. If what we know to be true doesn't line up with the Scriptures then the Bible must be in error
  - b. So the creation can be questioned by them
  - c. The flood is in doubt
  - d. Jonah and the whale
  - e. The miracles that Jesus worked
  - f. The virgin birth of Christ
- iii. The Scriptures are questioned and doubted because maybe they are not sufficient or enough to accomplish the work
- a. God's Word is sufficient to build churches
    - 1. We don't need miracles
    - 2. We don't need gimmicks
    - 3. We don't need secular games
  - b. The Bible will grow Christians and Christian character
  - c. The Word of God will impact our society if we get it into us

## C. The Bible is the very Word of God

- i. God's Word is God breathed, inspiration and is profitable and able to do all we need [II Timothy 3:16](#)



All scripture *is* **given by inspiration** of God, and *is* **profitable** for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: <sup>17</sup> **That** the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

- ii. Holy men were moved by the Holy Spirit to speak and give us God's Word **II Peter 1:20** Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. <sup>21</sup> For the **prophecy came not** in old time by the will of man: but **holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**

D. God will protect His Word.

- i. The real truth here is that what He says will happen
- ii. He is God, He protects His Word
- iii. He is God and His Word will come true
- iv. You can trust Him for your salvation
- v. You can trust Him on a daily basis as you live out your faith

E. Great truths that show God's Word to be the very Word of God

i. It spread all over the world so that all could get it

ii. He preserved it all these centuries without error

iii. It is completely accurate historically

iv. The Scripture would be true even scientifically even though people of that day would not have known those truths

a. The Hindu Scriptures taught that the earth set on the backs of 4 elephants that stood on a giant sea turtle swimming through a milky sea but God's

Word says [Job 26:7](#) He stretcheth out the north

over the empty place, *And **hangeth the***

**earth upon nothing.** [Isaiah 40:22](#) *It is he*

that sitteth upon the **circle of the earth,**

*And the inhabitants thereof are as*

**grasshoppers;** *That stretcheth out the*

*heavens as a curtain, And spreadeth them out as a*

*tent to dwell in:*

- b. Contagious infection explained over 3500 years before modern science understood it

Numbers 19:11 He that **toucheth the dead body** of any man shall be **unclean seven days.** <sup>12</sup> He shall **purify himself** with it on the third day, and on the **seventh day he shall be clean:** but if he purify not himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean. <sup>14</sup> This *is* the law, when **a man dieth in a tent:** all that come into the tent, and all that *is* in the tent, shall be **unclean seven days.** <sup>22</sup> And whatsoever the **unclean person toucheth shall be unclean;** and the soul that toucheth *it* shall be unclean until even.

- c. The jet stream and how the water cycle works

Ecclesiastes 1:6 The **wind goeth** toward the south, and **turneth** about unto the north; it

**whirleth about continually,** and the wind **returneth again according to his circuits.** <sup>7</sup> All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea *is* not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.

v. The Scriptures give true answers to the difficult questions in life

F. Don't add to or take away. Simply fear God and obey His Word

3. The Word of God is to be lived and taught [19](#)

Whosoever therefore shall **break** one of these least commandments, and **shall teach men so,** he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall **do** and **teach** *them,* the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

A. Not only does the Word of God last forever but if you ignore it and or disobey it you will pay the price for doing so

- i. Not only is this about what you do but about what you teach others to do
  - ii. Be careful to do and teach the truth
  - iii. Religious leaders often showed people how to get around the truth
  - iv. Or they used the truth to burden people
- B. Not only did Jesus not come to destroy the law but made it clear that it was to be lived and taught to others
- C. We are to do before we teach [James 1:21](#) **Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness **the engrafted word,** which is able to **save your souls.** <sup>22</sup>**
- But be ye **doers of the word,** and **not hearers only,** deceiving your own selves. <sup>23</sup> For if any be a **hearer of the word,** and **not a doer,** he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: <sup>24</sup> For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. <sup>25</sup> But whoso **looketh into the**

**perfect law** of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being **not a forgetful hearer,** but a **doer of the work,** this man shall be blessed in his deed.

- D. We are to live out our faith before sharing our faith
  - E. You can't really say that you believe that God gave us His Word unless you are careful to study it, then do it, and then teach it
4. You must have internal, true righteousness **20 For I say unto you, That except **your righteousness shall exceed** *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.**
- A. The righteousness or holiness of the religious people was only external and a show. It was not truly from the heart
  - B. It is actually impossible to have real righteousness on your own **Romans 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. 2 For I bear them record that they have a**

**zeal of God,** but not according to knowledge. <sup>3</sup>

For they being **ignorant of God's**

**righteousness,** and going about to establish

**their own righteousness,** have not

submitted themselves unto **the**

**righteousness of God.** <sup>4</sup> For Christ *is* the

**end of the law for righteousness to**

**every one that believeth.**

- C. We need imputed righteousness-that is God giving us what we couldn't do for ourselves
- D. When we believe God He counts it to us or puts it on our account **Romans 4:8** *Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.*
- E. It is God working in us **Philippians 2:13** *For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*
- F. The truth is that we do because we are and that we do not do in order to be