

The Gospel of Matthew #40

Sermon on the Mount: Jesus and the Law and you: 2

- I. The Law and Jesus: v17-18
 - A. Not abolish but fulfill: v17
 - B. Not disappear but accomplished: v18
- II. The Law and you: v19-20
 - A. Fidelity to the Law means greatness IN the Kingdom: v19
 - B. Righteousness more than Pharisees to ENTER the Kingdom: v20

THE RELIABILITY OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:17b-18

- I. The _____ of Scripture
 - A. More _____ than all creation
 - Cf. Lk 16:17
 - B. More _____ than all history
 - There coming a time when Heaven & Earth will disappear and Jesus will bring a new restored Creation
 - C. More _____ than you can imagine
 - Not smallest letter of Hebrew alphabet (yodh: see above v73 in Psm 119
 - Or serifs that distinguish certain letters (Psm 119: above v9 and 81; v25 and 153; v41 and 49)
 - i.e. every detail! Not refer to Western standards of precision (often approximations), but faithfulness: ALL will be accomplished
 - The precision of past prophecies (eg Isa 53:9 plural, then singular)
 - Egs of unlikely precision seen: Tyre: Ezekiel 26:5-6, 13-14!
 - Jerem 51:61-64: Babylon will never be rebuilt!

II. The _____ of Scripture

A. Jesus _____ fulfilled it; it has been accomplished in Him

- Obeyed the commands
- Fulfilled the prophecies
Egs: Psalm 22; 110; Isa 53
- Fulfills the pictures: Egs:
Prophet (Deut 18:15-19 → Mt 21:11)
Priest (Lev 16:11-19 → Mt 26:28; Heb 10:11-14)
King (Zech 9:9 → Mt 21:1-9; 28:18)
True Manna, Joshua, Temple, etc.
- Accomplished the atonement (Isa 53)
- Accomplished the resurrection (Isa 53:10-12)

B. Jesus _____ fulfill it; it will all be accomplished at the end of history

Promises He will come again (Mt 26:64)

Shows the reliability of prophecies we wait for in the Hope of His Coming (II Peter 3:1-13)

So what

1. You can trust Scripture with your life. 100% reliable.
All your hopes.
2. How foolish to bet against Jesus that He didn't know what He was talking about. That is what you say if you resist Him.
3. Scripture points you to Jesus. I invite you to trust Him, and Him alone.