

THE KING SPEAKS

a Study in the Sermon On The Mount | Daily Devotion
Week 3 – September 24-28, 2012
Ultimate Authority | Matthew 5:17-20

In this week's Daily Devotion we'll look at Matthew 5: 17-20. Each of these days gives you opportunity to ponder a few verses and let these challenging words of Jesus take up residence in your mind and heart.

Imagine sitting on that mountainside. Just imagine hearing this truth coming to reality in front of you. Jesus brings to everyone's attention that he is the complete fulfillment of all the scriptures they had been taught. Instead of coming with more demands, Christ was coming with life itself.

Day 1

Read Matthew 5:17-20, Luke 24:13-49

Who is Jesus? Who does he think he is? And who is he in fact? The scribes and Pharisees were intent on following rules and Jesus stepped in and said he was the answer to all that they were striving to accomplish. Jesus said everything in the Old Testament orbited around him. Is that a game changer?

Day 2

Read Matthew 5:18, 19, 2 Timothy 3:14-16

In what ways, if any, does your confidence in God's word shape the advice you give others? In what area of your relationships is this most difficult? What holds you back (fear, hurry, anger, fatigue, doubt)?

Day 3

Read Matthew 5:19

What does this verse reveal about what God calls "great"? How does that compare with what you call "great"?

Day 4

Matthew 5:18-20, John 12:42-43

The Pharisees and teachers of the law (Sadducees) had become religious bookkeepers, earning their own way and miserable in their counting. They also knew how to make other people miserable. Impression Management and People Pleasing keep us from the joy of God's word. Has this become a part of your life? If yes, how?

Day 5

Read Luke 24:25-27, 2 Cor. 1:18-25

Since Genesis and forward points to Jesus who would permanently remove our sins, how might this change the way you read and value the Old Testament?