

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNTAIN
MESSAGE 11 – TRUTH
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MATTHEW 5.17-20

¹⁷ “Don’t misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose. ¹⁸ I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God’s law will disappear until its purpose is achieved. ¹⁹ So if you ignore the least commandment and teach others to do the same, you will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But anyone who obeys God’s laws and teaches them will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.

²⁰ “But I warn you—unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!

JOHN 14.6 *I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me.*

1) Jesus is the Source of Truth. V. 17

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2) Jesus explained the accuracy and permanence of truth. V. 18

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3) Jesus gives the reward and responsibility of truth. V. 19

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“When God is abandoned, truth is abandoned; and when truth is abandoned, the basis for morals and law is abandoned. A consistent, coherent legal system cannot be built on philosophical humanism, on the principle that right and wrong fluctuate according to man’s ideas and feelings.” **John MacArthur**

- 4) Jesus elevates the impossibility of living a life truth on our own. V. 20
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ROMANS 4.5 *But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners.*

- Jesus is the Source of Truth therefore to know Jesus is to know truth and to know truth is to know Jesus. **Is my life grounded in the truth of Scripture?**
- Jesus explained the accuracy and permanence of truth. Am I concerned over the accuracy of truth in my life or am I careless? **Who or what is shaping my life?**
- Jesus gives the reward and responsibility of truth. **Do I model truth in my speech and actions?**
- Jesus elevates the impossibility of living a life of truth on my own. **Am I trusting in me or have I yielded my life to the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE -- Jesus the Messiah? Where do I get my identity from ... Christ or another source?**

Jesus, I thank You that You came and died on the cross for my sins so that I can be forgiven. I am a sinner and in need of Your grace, mercy, and forgiveness. I turn from my sins and say “No” to a life of living for myself. I turn to You and say “Yes” to Your will for my life. I ask You now to save me from my sins. I open my heart to You and receive You as my Lord and Savior. Thank You for saving me and forgiving me. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.