

## Questions

1. What does it mean to have a high view of Scripture? How does that happen in your life?
2. Why would Jesus' audience initially have had concerns about His attitude toward God's Word?
3. In Matthew 5:18, how did Jesus describe the eternal authority of the Word of God? What do you believe about how man received God's Word and whether it is inerrant? Does your view differ from what Jesus taught?
4. Jesus said that whoever does and teaches "the least of these commandments... will be called great in the kingdom of heaven." How will you apply this instruction from Jesus?
5. According to Matthew 11:13, what is another role of the Mosaic Law?
6. What are some of the clear ways that you see the anticipation of Jesus in the Old Testament?
7. What are some aspects of the Mosaic Law that were changed by the substitutionary sacrifice of Jesus on the cross?
8. How is it possible for your righteousness to exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees?

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# *The* King's Manifesto

*The Sermon on the Mount*

## **The Word of Christ**

**Matthew 5:17-20**

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In Matthew 5:17-20, Jesus taught the eternal authority of God's Word, down to the very smallest part of it, and warned against the danger of dismissing its authority, because Jesus IS the focal point of God's Word.

**A high view of God's Word**

**The radical nature of what Jesus said about God's Law  
(You've heard it say, but I say...)**

**Jesus plainly affirmed His absolute, unwavering commitment to the eternal authority of God's Word, down to the smallest part of it.**

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. Exodus 20:2

אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִיךָ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם מִבֵּית עַבְדִּים:  
slavery from house Egypt from land brought you who your Elohim Yaweh I am

**Once Jesus affirmed His high view of Scripture, He said, "Therefore..." (5:19) and explained what that should mean for our treatment and teaching of Scripture.**

**Jesus IS the focal point of the Law and the Prophets (5:17)**

**The application of Matthew 5:20 – "unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees" – to us today.**