

# The Sermon on the Mount

- I. The Citizens of the Kingdom (5:3-16)
  - A. Their Character (3-12)
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- II. The Righteousness of the Kingdom (5:17—7:12)
  - A. A Right Relationship to Scripture (5:17-48)
  - B. A Right Relationship to God (6:1-34)
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- III. The Dangers of the Kingdom (7:13-27)
  - A. Beware of the Wrong Entrance (13-14)
  - B. Beware of the False Teachers (15-20)
  - C. Beware of a False Profession (21-27)

# Mt. 5:17-20 - Three Responses to Scripture

1. Affirm Jesus' Relationship to Scripture (17)
2. Adopt Jesus' View of Scripture (18)
3. Apply Jesus' Diagnosis with Scripture (19-20)
4. Act on Jesus' Teaching of Scripture (5:21-48)

# Every Stroke Inspired: Embracing Jesus' High View of Scripture (Pt. 1)

*Matthew 5:17-20*

## I. Affirm Jesus' Relationship to Scripture (17)

# The Canon of the Old Testament

- English *canon* is from Greek *kanon*
  - Originally: “a straight rod or ruler, often marked into units.”
  - Over time: “the series of marks on the ruler.”
  - Eventually: “a definitive series or list”
- “Canon of Scripture” means...
  1. The list of the books acknowledged to be inspired by God
  2. Therefore, the books that are the rule or standard of belief and practice
- The OT Canon was closed by c. 400 BC
- The NT calls the OT...
  - “The Law” (Jn. 10:34; 12:34; 15:25; 1 Cor. 14:21)
  - “The Law & the Prophets” (Mt. 7:12; 22:40)
  - “The Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms” (Lk. 24:44)

# What about the Apocrypha?

- Josephus on the OT: “We have not tens of thousands of books, discordant and conflicting, but only twenty-two containing the record of all time, which have been justly believed to be divine.”
- Josephus on the *Apocrypha*: “From Artaxerxes to our own times a complete history has been written but has not been deemed worthy of equal credit with the earlier records, because of the failure of the exact succession of the prophets.”
- Josephus argues nothing had been added to Scripture since 400 BC and Malachi, thus discounting the Apocrypha.
- Jesus and the NT authors quote the OT as divinely inspired over 295 times, but not once from the Apocrypha.

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## *Matthew 5:17-20*

### I. Affirm Jesus' Relationship to Scripture (17)

A. He Did Not Come to *Abolish* the OT (17a)

B. He Came to *Fulfill* the OT (17b)

1. He perfectly explained its meaning in His teaching (21-48)
2. He perfectly obeyed its commands in His life (Mt. 3:15; Jn. 8:46; 15:10; Gal. 4:4-5)
3. He perfectly embodied its message in His Person
  - a. Its prophecies (11:7-15)
  - b. Its ceremonies & sacrificial system (Lk. 24:27, 44; Jn. 5:39; Col. 2:16-17; Heb. 10:1-12)