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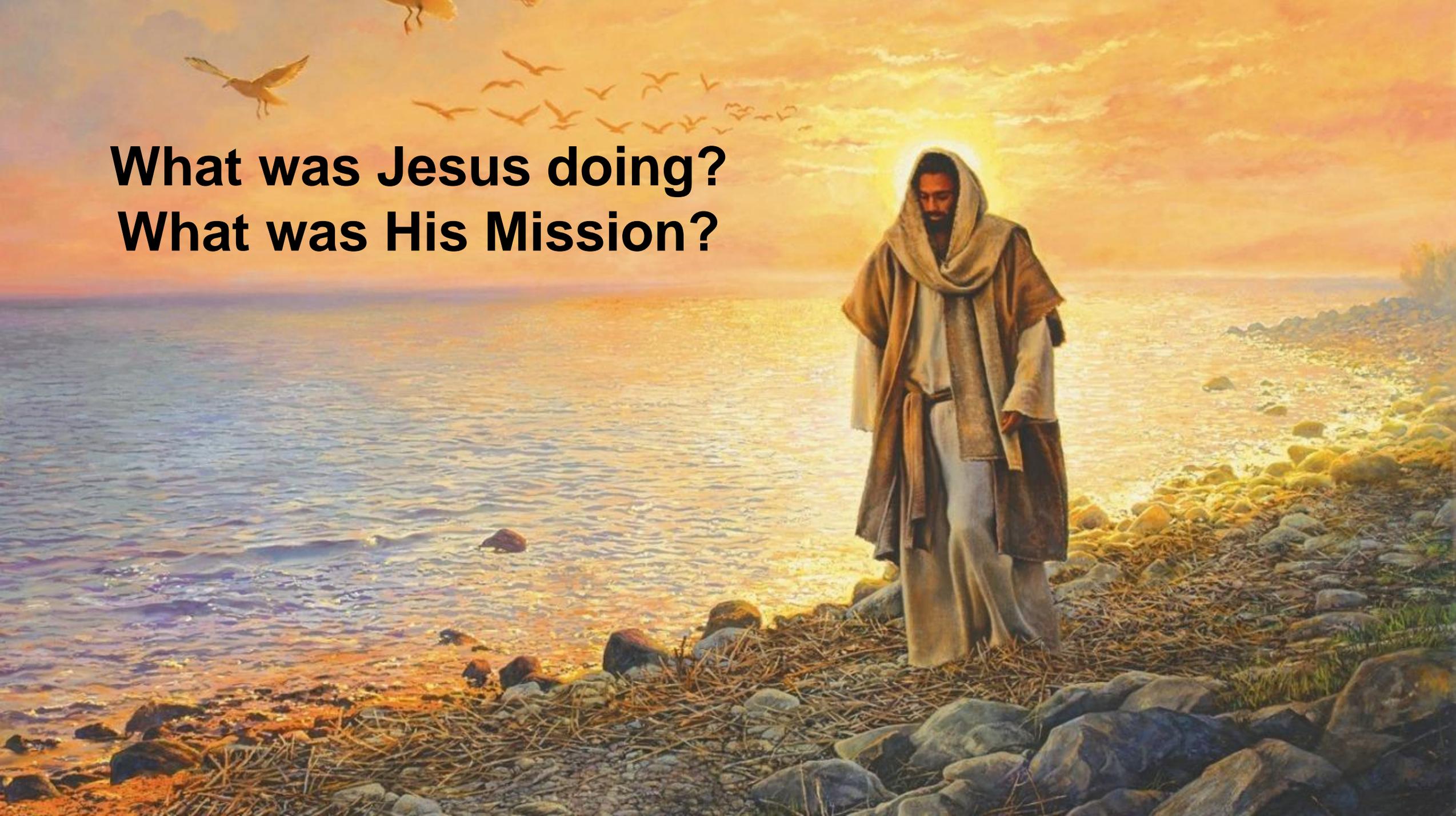
Marriage & Divorce #9 - What Was Jesus Doing?

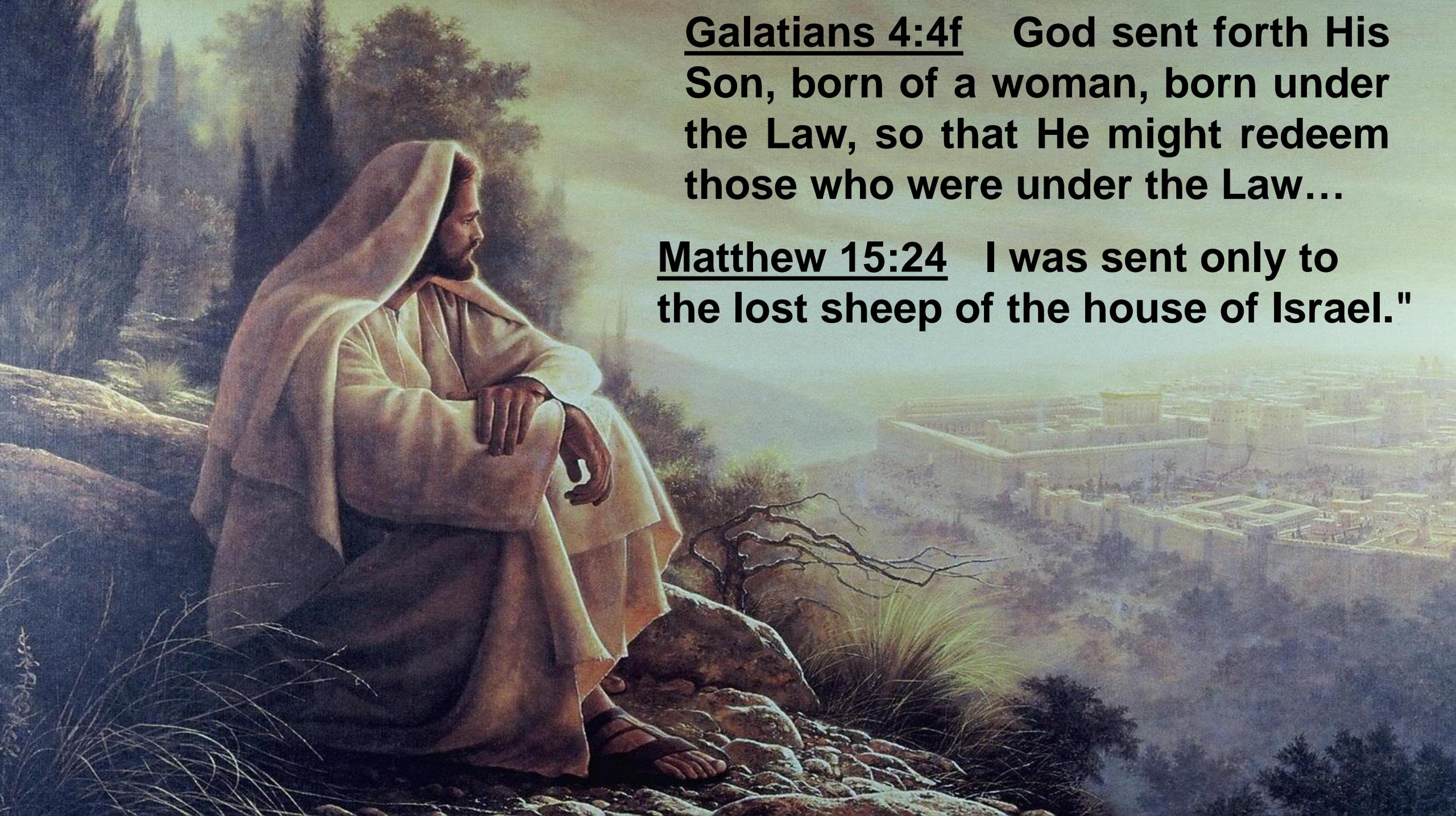
REMEMBER

Create your full list of questions, comments, observations and objections.



**What was Jesus doing?
What was His Mission?**





Galatians 4:4f God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law...

Matthew 15:24 I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

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**Annulling the commandments,
Teaching others to annul the commandments,
And disobeying the commandments
Was the Pharisees stock in trade.
From the day He overturned moneychanger's tables...
Jesus was CORRECTING them.**



Matthew 9:11-13

Matthew 12:2-8

Matthew 12:28-42

Matthew 15:1-9

Matthew 15:12-24

Matthew 16:6-12

Matthew 21:15f

Matthew 21:23-27

Matthew 21:43-45

Matthew 22:15-22

Matthew 22:23-32

Matthew 22:34-40

Matthew 23:1-4

Matthew 23:6

Matthew 23:14f

Matthew 23:16-22

Matthew 23:23-26

Matthew 23:27f

Plus four more that just wouldn't fit on the slide!



Now, just highlight Matthew 12:2-8 of those eighteen:

His disciples picked grain and ate. When the Pharisees saw it, they said, “Your disciples do what is not lawful on a Sabbath.” He said, “Have you not read what David and his companions did? He entered the house of God, and they ate consecrated bread, which was not lawful for him to eat? Or have you not read in the Law, that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath and are innocent? But I say to you something greater than the temple is here. If you had known what this means, 'I DESIRE COMPASSION, AND NOT A SACRIFICE (Hosea 6:6),' you would not have condemned the innocent.



Matthew 15:1-6

Pharisees came to Jesus and said, “Why do Your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don’t wash their hands when they eat.” He said, “Why do you transgress God’s commandment for the sake of your tradition? God said, ‘HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (Exodus 20:12),’ and, ‘HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH (Exodus 20:17).’” But you say, “Whoever says to his father or mother, ‘Whatever I have that would help you has been given to God, he is not to honor his father or mother.’” You invalidated the word of God for the sake of your tradition.



Matthew 15:7-9 (continued)

You hypocrites, rightly Isaiah prophesied of you: “THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME. BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN (Isaiah 29:13).”



Matthew 21:33-45

A landowner planted a vineyard, put a wall around it, dug a wine press, built a tower, rented it to vine-growers, and went on a journey. When the harvest time approached, he sent slaves to receive his produce. The vine-growers beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. He sent more slaves and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son, saying, "They will respect my son." But they said, "This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and seize his inheritance." And so they did. When the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine-growers? They said, "He will bring them to a wretched end and rent out the vineyard to others who will pay him at the proper seasons." Jesus, "Did you ever read in the Scriptures, 'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER. THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES' (Psalm 118:22f)? I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people, producing the fruit of it." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they understood He was speaking about them.



Matthew 23:16-22

Woe to you blind guides who say, 'Whoever swears by the temple, that is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple is obligated.' You fools! Which is more important, the gold or the temple that sanctified the gold? You also say, 'Whoever swears by the altar, that is nothing, but whoever swears by the offering on it, he is obligated.' You blind men, which is more important, the offering, or the altar that sanctifies the offering? Therefore, whoever swears by the altar, swears both by the altar and everything on it. Whoever swears by the temple, swears by the temple and Him who dwells in it.



Matthew 23:23

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You tithe mint, dill and cummin, while neglecting the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.



**So what was Jesus doing
in the Sermon on the Mount?
And, what was He doing in Matthew 19?**



Matthew 19:3 Pharisees came, testing Jesus, asking,
"Is it lawful to divorce a wife for any reason at all?"

Matthew 19:4 He answered, "Have you not read..." (Genesis 1:27, 2:24)



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#1 Matthew 5:21-26

Jesus' Teaching

("but I say unto you")

**Everyone who is angry with
his brother shall be guilty**

Name-calling forbidden too

#1 Matthew 5:21-26

Law's Teaching

(Deuteronomy 19:11-13, Prov. 29:11)

**You shall not hate your
countryman in your heart. You
shall not bear any grudge
against the sons of your people,
but you shall love your neighbor
as yourself.**

**A fool utters all his anger, but a
wise man keeps it back...**

#2 Matthew 5:27-30

Jesus' Teaching

("but I say unto you")

"Everyone who looks on a woman to lust for her has committed adultery with her already in his heart"

#2 Matthew 5:27-30

Law's Teaching

(Ex. 20:17, Job 31:1, Prov. 6:25)

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife

I have made a covenant with my eyes. How then could I gaze at a virgin?

Do not desire her beauty in your heart

#4 Matthew 5:33-37
Jesus' Teaching
("but I say unto you")

"Make no oath at all. Not by heaven, earth, Jerusalem, or your head.

Just say 'Yes' or No'"

#4 Matthew 5:33-37
Law's Teaching
(Ecclesiastes 5:5)

It is better you should not vow than that you vow and not pay.

#5 Matthew 5:38-42
Jesus' Teaching
("but I say unto you")

"Do not resist him who is evil. Turn cheek, give coat, go extra mile, loan money"

#2 Matthew 5:38-42
Law's Teaching
(Exodus 23:2-6)

You shall not follow the masses in doing evil, nor testify in a dispute so as to pervert justice. If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey wandering away, you shall surely return it to him. If you see the donkey of one who hates you lying helpless under its load, you shall refrain from leaving it to him, you shall surely release it with him. You shall not pervert the justice due to your needy brother in his dispute.

#6 Matthew 5:43-48

Jesus' Teaching

("but I say unto you")

"Love your enemies, pray for them, and be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect"

#2 Matthew 5:43-48

Law's Teaching

(Lev. 19:18, Prov. 25:21, Lev. 19:2)

If your enemy is hungry or thirsty give him food & drink

You shall not take vengeance, bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself

You shall be holy for I, Yahweh, am holy

#3 Matthew 5:31f
Jesus' Teaching
("but I say unto you")

Everyone who divorces his wife (except for fornication) makes HER commit adultery.

Whoever marries a divorced woman (except for fornication) commits adultery

#3 Matthew 5:31f
Law's Teaching
(Deuteronomy 24:1)

A man marries a wife and she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some nakedness (fornication) in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and sends her out from his house

No divorces or remarryings except for fornication

In ALL 6 of these contrasts

Jesus cites The Law

**And then demonstrates how the
Pharisees did not teach or practice it
(by citing more of The Law)**

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“Makes her commit adultery”

The same way 1 John 1:10

“Makes God a liar”

