



Luke 16:17; Matthew 24:35 / Mark 13:31 / Luke 21:33
 Matthew 7:12 / Luke 6:31
 Romans 13:10

JESUS THOUGHT:
Scripture's role is not to teach us how to live, but to point us to _____ who teaches us how to live (by the rule of love).

IMPLICATION FOR JESUS PEOPLE:
Do not blindly practice precepts. Rather, always practice the _____ behind the precept, the _____ behind the law.

Matthew 12:1-8

PART 3...

Coming Out of the Shadows

Introduction – The Light, The Word, and The Witness

- Before Jesus, the _____ was the light of the world.
 Psalm 119:105, 130; Proverbs 6:23; John 1:1-14; 8:12; 9:5; Hebrews 1:1-2
- Once Jesus comes, he claims to _____ the light.
 Matthew 5:14-16
- Jesus also calls his followers to _____ this same light.

Reading The Revolution Manifesto

Matthew 5:17-20

- In some way the Law was unquestionably _____ by Jesus.
 Matthew 19:3-9; Mark 7:14-19; Acts 10-11; Hebrews 7:1-9:10

“abolish” = Gk., *katalou* (Lit., to loosen down): to tear down; to demolish, as to demolish a building (24:2:26:61; 27:40).

“fulfill” = Gk., *pleroo*; to make full; to complete; to fill up; as to bring a promise into being (1:22; 2:15, 17, 23; 4:14).

Leviticus 19: 27; 21:16-20; Colossians 2:13-17

JESUS THOUGHT:
Jesus did not come to _____ the Bible, but to be the life that it points to.

IMPLICATION FOR JESUS PEOPLE:
We find life not by blindly following the _____, but by using it to help us follow Jesus.

Conclusion – Leaving The Shadow Lands

Colossians 2:16-17

Recommendations For Further Study...

TAPES... *The Jesus Scandals; The Irreligious Christ, Tomb Raiders*
 BOOKS... *The Challenge of Jesus (N.T. Wright); The Lost Message of Jesus (Steve Chalke); Jesus' Plan for a New World (Richard Rohr)*

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. Explore and discuss any or all of these quotes: **a)** Michael Green: *He came not to abolish the law but to fulfill it. Of course, some of the elements in the Old Testament law were abolished by being fulfilled.* **b)** Richard Rohr: *What is most amazing, and therefore most overlooked by most Christians, is how much of Jesus' teaching is concerned with subverting conventional understandings of religion.* **c)** Eugene Peterson: *Jesus taught a new spirituality, not just ethics. Ethics says, "What is the right thing to do and how do I do it". Spirituality says, "What is God doing and how can I join him."*
2. Take time to review this week's message and discuss your reactions. Talk about what most challenged, puzzled, or encouraged you.

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

3. Someone may ask, "Why did God wait so long to bring Jesus into the world? Why institute the way of Law for so long before establishing the way of Love?" How would you answer that question? How do **Matthew 19:8** and **Galatians 3:19-4:7** inform your answer?
4. Read the next section of the Sermon on the Mount – **Matthew 5:21-32.** **a)** What is it about Jesus' teaching approach in these verses that displays unparalleled spiritual authority (see **7:28-29**)? **b)** In broad terms, what things about Jesus' use of Scripture demonstrate for us how to read and interpret the Bible today? **c)** What do you think is the practical application of **verses 29-30**?

SO WHAT?...

5. Take a few moments (2-3 minutes) to meditate on **Matthew 5:23-24** as it applies to your life. (If you like, after meditating share any new insights or old reminders that have come to mind.)
6. Pray for each other regarding your continued spiritual growth during this series.