

Going Deep with Jesus - Matthew 5:17-26

Outdated laws?

Two principles:

- **Jesus fulfils the law and the prophets** (v17, 20)

- **The law still matters in a different way from before** (v18-19)

A worked example: no place for misplaced anger (v21-26)

For further discussion

- What does it mean for Jesus to fulfil the law and the prophets? What is the difference between fulfilling and merely restating or upholding? (v17)
- If nothing will disappear from the law until the end of the age, what is different about the law's function now for the Christian? (v18-19)
- How did the Pharisees and teachers of the law approach law-keeping? How are Christians to be different? (v20)
- How does the "worked example" of v21-26 illustrate the principle of v17-20?
- What kind of anger is wrong and why? And what kind of anger is right? How do we tell the difference?
- Why is early reconciliation so important in v23-26? Where is that challenging in our lives?