

Just a Piece of Paper?

Actual Jesus (Gospel of Matthew) – Part 43

Matthew 5:31-32

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[EXPOSITION #1]²¹ “You heard that it was said to the ancients, ‘You shall not murder’; and whoever murders, he will be liable to judgment.

²² “But I, I say to you that everyone who is wrathful with his brother will be liable to judgment; and whoever says to his brother, ‘Raka,’ will be liable to the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, ‘You moron,’ will be liable to the Gehenna of fire!

²³ “Therefore, if you are bringing your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave there your gift, before the altar, and go first, get reconciled to your brother, and then come bringing your gift. ²⁵

Be of good mind with your opponent quickly, while you are with him in the way, lest the opponent deliver you over to the judge, and the judge to the bailiff, and into prison you be thrown. ²⁶ Amen, I say to you, you definitely will not come out from there until you repay the last quadrans!

Matthew 5:21-32

[EXPOSITION #2]²⁷ “You heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’

²⁸ “But I, I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman so as to desire her already committed adultery with her in his heart.

²⁹ “And if your right eye trips you up, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is to your advantage that one of your parts perish, and your whole body not be thrown into Gehenna. ³⁰ And if your right hand trips you up, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is to your advantage that one of your parts perish, and your whole body not go away into Gehenna.”

[EXPOSITION #3]³¹ “And it was said, ‘Whoever releases¹ his wife, let him give her a divorce-certificate.’² ³² “But I, I say to you that everyone who releases his wife, except for a matter³ of immorality, makes her out to have committed⁴ adultery; and whoever marries her *who was* released commits adultery.

(Pastor Phillips’ translation)

Introduction:

I. The _____ Speaks

A. Looking Back

1. Body’s opening assertions:
2. Expositions 1 and 2 (vv. 21-26, 27-30)
3. Expositions 2 and 3 (vv. 27-30, 31-32)
4. #3 (vv. 31-32)

B. Looking Ahead

II. The Law Spoke: *And It Was Said...* (v. 31)

A. Rule

¹ I.e. from marriage, here and v. 32; cf. same verb in 1:19.

² Based on Deuteronomy 24:1.

³ Literally *word*, here in sense of *grounds, reason; case; charge*.

⁴ Or *makes her commit; or makes her a victim of*.

B. _____

III. The _____ Speaks:

A. Misconceptions Corrected (v. 32)

1. In Jesus' _____ (____:3-8)

2. On Jesus' _____:

a. The specifics

b. The underlying _____

c. The _____:

B. _____ Commanded

1. Looking _____

2. Looking _____

3. Looking _____