

Lent **AND** Let Die

#5 - "LAWMAN"

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Sermon Notes

We focus on Jesus' BIRTH AND DEATH

But the Full of His Life...

REVEALS THE FATHER AND THE KINGDOM LIFE

44 Then Jesus cried out, "Whoever believes in me does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. 45 The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me. 46 I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. John 12:44-46

We see Jesus AS A MORAL EXEMPLAR

But Jesus' life reveals THE FULFILLMENT OF THE LAW

IN LOVE WITH THE POWER TO LIVE IT

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Matthew 5:17-18

I. Matthew 5:38-45 - Retribution

³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.'

³⁹ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. ⁴¹ If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. ⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies

and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven.

Jesus' Life demonstrates RETRIBUTION IS NOT A

CHARACTERISTIC OF THE KINGDOM

THE KINGDOM IS NOT DISPLAYED BY RETRIBUTION

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. Romans 13:8-10

II. Matthew 21:12-15 - Temple

¹² Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. ¹³ "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers.'" ¹⁴ The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them.

Jesus' Life demonstrates THE PRESENCE OF GOD IS

AVAILABLE TO EVERY PERSON ALL THE TIME AT ANY

PLACE

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple. 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

III. Mark 7:14-19 - Purity Code

¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵ Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them." ¹⁶ [If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear.] ¹⁷ After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. ¹⁸ "Are you so dull?" he asked. "Don't you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? ¹⁹ For it doesn't go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)

Jesus' Life demonstrates GOD'S OFFENSIVE PURSUIT TO PURIFY HIS PEOPLE

²⁰ Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules: ²¹ "Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!"? ²² These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings. ²³ Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence. Colossians 2:20-23