

Jesus, the Word and Us

Series: *Jesus Uncut – Sermon on the Mount*
– Matthew 5:17-20 –

Two Important Ground Rules:

1. The Priority of **LOVE**

2. The Priority of **TRUTH**

1. The Preeminence of God's Word

2. The Purpose of God's Word

*Run John run, the Law commands, but gives me neither feet nor hands.
Far better news the gospel brings, it bids me fly and gives me wings.*

Application Questions. . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. How does this passage strengthen your confidence in Scripture?
3. As you think back on your spiritual journey, what role has Scripture played in your life?
4. In light of verse 19, can you think of an example of how we're tempted to relax the commands of God today?
5. In what sense is Jesus' view of the Scriptures **similar to** and **different from** the view held by the Pharisees and teachers?
6. What does it mean for your righteousness to surpass that of the Pharisees? Is Jesus indicting the Pharisees with that comment or setting an extremely high bar for His followers?
7. What mistake did the Pharisees make in John 5:37-40? Have you ever been guilty of just searching the Scriptures and losing sight of who they point to?
8. How would you answer the following question in three sentences or less: *What does it mean for you to say that the Bible is God's Word?*

