

Oaths and Honesty

Series: *Jesus Uncut – Sermon on the Mount*
– Matthew 5:33-37 –

1. The Truth Emphasized

2. The Truth Applied

A. *Saturation (John 17:17)*

B. *Communication (Ephesians 4:25)*

C. *Integration (John 15:9)*

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. Why is Jesus so emphatic about not using oaths at all (vs. 34)? What is He really demanding of His followers here (2 Cor. 1:23)?
3. How does this kind of integrity contrast with our cultural expectations? For example, does our society care more about being believed or being truthful? Explain
4. Based on the above, why or how could saying anything more than “yes” or “no” come from evil (Prov. 10:19)?
5. Have you ever been tempted to bend the truth because everyone else was doing so, or to make yourself look better?
6. Have you ever considered the healing properties of confession; not just to be forgiven, but to be healed (James 5:16)?
7. How does the gospel confront and challenge our tendency to a works-based righteousness?

