

Matthew 5

5:1-48 – Beginning of the Sermon on the Mount.

Some scholars say these teachings are not for today.

Jesus probably gave these teachings many, many times.

The primary method of learning in Jesus's day: hearing/listening.

Matthew probably wrote them down on the fly.

5:1-12 – Commonly known as the Beatitudes.

An affirmation of humility and hope.

5:13-20 – The true definition of righteousness.

The true purpose of the Law is to teach us about true love.

That is why the Law should not be abolished.

Jesus will fulfill the Law by His love (the cross).

This is a different definition of what it means to be righteous.

5:21-48 – Examples of what it means to truly be righteous.

Key phrase: “You have heard.”

What fulfills and exceeds the Law is love.

This is why, regarding our enemies, we are to love them.

Note: this has nothing to do with war or defending ourselves.

To be “perfect,” we are to love as God loves.