



# The Life of Jesus

## A CHRONOLOGICAL STUDY

### Lesson 39: Sermon on the Mount - Part 4

#### Matthew 5:21-48

#### Luke 6:27-36

#### I. Six Examples of Exceeding Righteousness and Being Perfect

A. Anger; Lust; Divorce; Oaths; Retaliation; Love Your Enemies

B. “You have heard \_\_\_ but I say \_\_\_”

1. Heard it from who? v.20 - scribes and Pharisees
2. Are these “menfolk” issues? These sins can be committed by anyone
  - a. “your brother”, divorce, no women’s testimony in Jewish law, anger/murder/war

#### II. Anger - vv.21-26

A. vv.21-22

1. Murder - only in NT 12 times
2. Kill - in NT 75 times
3. Hebrew understands the difference
  - a. *rasah* - to murder - in 10 Commandments
  - b. *naka* - kill/slay
  - c. Only God can justify killing for His name’s sake
4. Numbers 25:16-18

B. v.22 - murder starts with anger

1. insults/good-for-nothing - “Raca” - only time in the Bible - Aramaic meaning is “empty headed”
2. *moros* - fool
3. *Gehenna* - hell (also in vv. 29 and 30)

C. vv.23-26 - two illustrations of “above and beyond”

1. Note the “you” – you have been accused and your brother is hauling you to court

### **III. Lust - vv.27-30**

A. vv.27-28

1. Lusting is not ok for “everyone” - *pas*
2. “looks at” - see with the mind’s eye

B. vv.29-30

1. Your hands and your eyes
2. Causes you to sin - Stumbling blocks

### **IV. Divorce - vv.31-32**

A. Deuteronomy 24:1-4

B. Jesus later explains this is a heart issue - Matthew 19:1-12

C. There was never a command for divorce - it was a concession

D. “Sexual immorality” - Greek word is *porneia*

### **V. Oaths - vv.33-37**

A. Jewish culture apparently got close to saying “I swear to God” (Swear to heaven, Swear to earth, Swear to Jerusalem, Swear to your own head)

B. Just be honest and mean what you say

C. Some manuscripts say “evil one”

## VI. Retaliation – vv.38-42

A. v.38 - where is this said? - Exodus 21:22-27

B. More “go above and beyond”

1. v.39 - Turn the other cheek
2. v.40 - Suing somebody for their long handles?
3. v.41 - Roman soldiers would often make people tote stuff
4. v.42 - this is not a vow of poverty

## VII. Love your Enemies - vv.43-47

A. Where is it said “hate your enemy”? Leviticus 19:18

B. Love in Hebrew not differentiated

C. Primary Greek words for love:

1. *phileo* - showing signs/approval - Matthew 6:5 - 25 times in the NT
2. *agape* - showing emotion - 142 times in NT

D. Be perfect? (I’m in trouble)

## VIII. Luke 6:27-36

A. vv.27-28 - commands action: Love, Do good, Bless, Pray

B. v.36 - In addition to perfection show mercy

## IX. My “Take Away”

- Imagine a world where we showed this much *agape*
- The outpouring of my love begins when I:
  - Control my anger
  - Control my lust
  - Ensure my word is my bond
  - Turn the other cheek

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