



Adultery

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Matthew 5:27-32

It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.



Divorce

³¹ “It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³² But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.



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Remember that...

1. Jesus is speaking in His own words

Jesus is calling us to be salt and light

Jesus is fullness and brings fullness

The background features a stylized landscape with rolling hills and mountains. The top part shows a large, dark green mountain peak. Below it, a light grey horizontal band contains the text. The bottom part of the image shows a valley with orange and brown hills and a winding path or stream. The overall color palette is warm, with earthy tones.

Matthew 5:1-2

**Now when Jesus saw the crowds,
he went up on a mountainside and sat down.
His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.**

Matthew 7:28-29

**When Jesus had finished saying these things,
the crowds were amazed at his teaching,
because he taught as one who had authority,
and not as their teachers of the law.**

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Jesus is fullness and brings fullness

Matthew 5:13-16

**You are the salt of the earth...
You are the light of the world...**

**...that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Remember that...

1. **Jesus is speaking in His own words**
2. **Jesus is calling us to be salt and light**
3. **Jesus is fullness and brings fullness**

Jesus *is* fullness

- image of the invisible God
Col. 1:15
- radiance of God's glory;
exact imprint of His character
Heb. 1:3
- in very nature God
Phil. 2:6
- the whole fullness Deity—
in bodily form
Col. 2:9

Jesus *brings* fullness

- the righteous requirement
of the law is fulfilled in us
Rm. 8:4
- Jesus came that His sheep
may have life, and have it
to the full
Jn. 10:10
- Christ's love fills us to the
measure of all the fullness
of God
Eph. 3:19

Matthew 5:17

“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.”

A stylized landscape illustration featuring a central valley. The background is a light cream color. In the foreground, there are rolling hills and mountains in shades of orange, brown, and dark brown. A large, light blue-grey shape, resembling a valley or a large rock formation, is positioned in the center, containing the text. The overall style is minimalist and modern.

HOW DO I RESPOND
to the Sermon on the Mount?

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Matthew *5:27-28*

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Matthew
5:29-30

If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

Galatians 5:19-24

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.

I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:19-24

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Matthew *5:31-32*

“It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

We acknowledge, teach, and approve of no other matrimony than that one which Christ and His apostles publicly and plainly taught in the New Testament, namely one man and one woman [Matt. 19:4], and that they may not be divorced except in the case of adultery [Matt. 5:32], for the two are one flesh; but if the unbelieving depart, a sister or brother is not under bondage in that case...Under this kingdom and under this King no other wedlock must be tolerated...

Menno Simons
Foundation, p. 83; 95



Remember that...

Jesus is speaking in His own words

I must listen and I can trust Him

Jesus is calling us to be salt and light

*God is to be made known and glorified...
even in this.*

Jesus is fullness and brings fullness

*Following Him always leads towards life,
never away from it.*

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