

Series: Kingdom Culture
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1. Were you easy or hard to get along with as a child? Did your parents make you say, "I'm sorry" to siblings or others whether you meant it or not?

We pick up The Best Sermon Ever in Matthew 5:17-20. It's short. Read it aloud twice.

2. Looking at Matthew 5:17, 21, 27 & 28 etc., Mathew 24:35, and John 5:39-40, what was Jesus' view of the Hebrew Scriptures?
3. Isn't it a bit presumptuous for someone to claim to fulfill the Law and the Prophets? How would that be confusing to devout Jews?
4. See Luke 4:21, and Luke 24:27 and Matthew 24:35. What does Jesus mean when he says that he has come *to fulfill* the law and the prophets?
5. What's the difference between behavior modification or transformation, between external rule-keeping righteousness and the kind Jesus wants to experience? Read Isaiah 64:6, Philippians 3:7-9. How does Nacho Libre illustrate the difference?
6. From Matthew 11:28-29, John 1:17 and Matthew 23:4, how do we know if a spiritual leader or we have our halos on too tight?
7. What do you think about the following question and quotes?
Can you do the right thing and still not be the right person?

"The best argument for Christianity is Christians: their joy, their certainty, their completeness. But the strongest argument against Christianity is also Christians - when they are somber and joyless, when they are self-righteous and smug in complacent consecration, when they are narrow and repressive, then Christianity dies a thousand deaths." – Sheldon Vanauken

"Run, John, run, the law commands;
But gives us neither feet nor hands.
Far better news the gospel brings;
It bids me fly, and gives me wings."
-John Bunyon

8. What spoke to you the most from Bob's message?