**The Law Fulfilled**

*Matthew 5:17-19*

1. Jesus came to fulfill (v. 17-18).
2. Did not come to destroy it.

* To destroy it would mean to abolish its statutes, and prevent the fulfillment of prophecies and types. Jesus made the Law obsolete (didn’t destroy it). He fulfilled the prophecies, he did not prevent them.
* This suggests some had already accused Him of doing such.

1. Fulfilled the Law and Prophets

*“Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ” (Galatians 3:24).*

* The commandments stood to be observed (v. 18). (Luke 16:17)
* “It is written” – Matthew 4:4, 7, 10 (Jesus kept and observed the Law)
* Jesus, being under the Law, kept the Law perfectly – Hebrews 4:15
  + Even to the point of challenge to convict Him of sin – John 8:46
* Was the new prophet like Moses – Deuteronomy 18:15; Acts 3:22-26
* Establishment of a New Covenant – Jeremiah 31:31; Colossians 2:14-15; Hebrews 8:13
* One jot or tittle didn’t pass away until – John 19:30; Colossians 2:14

*If He didn’t fulfill the Law, we must obey the Law to the letter today…*

1. The Law must be obeyed (v. 19).
2. Treatment of the Law would affect standing in the Kingdom.

* Kingdom is future – Matthew 7:21 (Christ is under old law teaching this.)
* Those who lived before Kingdom could still be in the Kingdom if they were obedient to the law they lived under – Matthew 8:11; Hebrews 9:15
  + To break the Mosaic Law before the death of the testator would be to break a divine law – Hebrews 9:16-17 (New law not in power until death of Christ, have to obey the Old Law.)

1. A treatment of New Covenant affects our entrance into heaven.

* We must obey all commandments – James 2:10-12
* We must adhere to the pattern – 2 Timothy 1:13; Hebrews 8:3-6 (make tabernacle according to pattern, shadow of doing all according to pattern of scripture)
* We must be sincere in our obedience – Romans 6:17-18; Matthew 22:37; James 2:14-26 (faith without works = dead, works without faith = dead)