

Matthew 5:17-18

“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.

“For truly, I say to you,
until heaven and earth pass away,
not an iota, not a dot,
will pass from the Law
until all is accomplished.”

Matthew 5:19-20

“Therefore whoever relaxes
one of the least of these commandments
and teaches others to do the same
will be called least in the kingdom of heaven,
but whoever does them and teaches them
will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

“For I tell you,
unless your righteousness exceeds
that of the scribes and Pharisees,
you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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Matthew 9:12-13:

But when he heard it, he said,

“Those who are well have no need of a physician,
but those who are sick.

“Go and learn what this means,

‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’

For I came not to call the righteous,
but sinners.”

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Matthew 15:1-11:

Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said,

“Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat.”

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Matthew 15:1-11:

He answered them, “And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition...?”

“You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’”

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Matthew 15:1-11:

And he called the people to him and said to them:

“Hear and understand:
it is not what goes into the mouth
that defiles a person,
but what comes out of the mouth;
this defiles a person.”

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Fulfill:

make come true, bring about;

fill, make full;

bring to completion, complete, accomplish,
finish

= “fill to the full”

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Matthew 1:21-23:

“She will bear a son,
and you shall call his name Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.”

All this took place to fulfill
what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:
“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”
(which means, God with us).

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Matthew 2:14-15:

And he rose and took the child and his mother
by night and departed to Egypt
and remained there until the death of Herod.
This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken
by the prophet,
“Out of Egypt I called my son.”

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Matthew 2:18:

Then was fulfilled what was spoken
by the prophet Jeremiah:

“A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted,
because they are no more.”

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Matthew 2:23:

And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth,
that what was spoken by the prophets
might be fulfilled:

“He shall be called a Nazarene.”

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Matthew 12:7:

“And if you had known what this means,
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you would not have condemned the guiltless.”

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Romans 13:8-10:

Owe no one anything,
except to love each other,
for the one who loves another
has fulfilled the law.

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Romans 13:8-10:

The commandments,

“You shall not commit adultery,

You shall not murder, You shall not steal,

You shall not covet,” and any other commandment,
are summed up in this word:

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

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Romans 13:8-10:

Love does no wrong to a neighbor;
therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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Matthew 4:13-17:

And leaving Nazareth

he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea,
in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,
so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah
might be fulfilled:

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Matthew 4:13-17:

“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles –
the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light, and for those dwelling
in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned.”

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Matthew 4:13-17:

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven
is at hand.”

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Matthew 3:13-15:

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.

John would have prevented him, saying,

“I need to be baptized by you,
and do you come to me?”

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Matthew 3:13-15:

But Jesus answered him,
“Let it be so now,
for thus it is fitting for us
to fulfill all righteousness.”

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Matthew 8:16-17:

That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick.

This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: “He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.”

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Matthew 12:15-21:

And many followed him,
and he healed them all and ordered them
not to make him known.

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Matthew 12:15-21:

“Behold, my servant whom I have chosen,
my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased.
I will put my Spirit upon him,
and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.”

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Matthew 12:15-21:

“He will not quarrel or cry aloud,
nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not quench,
until he brings justice to victory;
and in his name the Gentiles will hope.”

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Matthew 13:34-35:

All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet: “I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.”

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Matthew 21:3-5:

This took place to fulfill what was spoken
by the prophet, saying,

“Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

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Matthew 26:53-56:

“Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father,
and he will at once send me
more than twelve legions of angels?
But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled,
that it must be so?”

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Matthew 26:53-56:

At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,
“Have you come out as against a robber,
with swords and clubs to capture me?
Day after day I sat in the temple teaching,
and you did not seize me.”

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“But all this has taken place
that the Scriptures of the prophets
might be fulfilled.”

Then all the disciples left him and fled.

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Luke 24:27:

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets,
he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures
the things concerning himself.

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Matthew 20:28:

“The Son of Man came not to be served
but to serve, and to give his life
as a ransom for many.”

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2 Corinthians 5:21:

He who know no sin became sin, for us,
in order that we might become, in him,
the righteousness of God.