

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 31st MAY (KEC SERVICE ONLINE)

Before the livestream starts at 9am:

KIDS VIDEO will be made available by 8.30am. Over these few weeks, we're going to be learning some of the things Jesus taught up on a mountain, in what is called the Sermon on the Mount! That's what the adults will be learning too! This week, we're going to think about the best treasure of all, treasure in heaven!

Direct link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0tNBM7GZfg>

9am – Livestream starts

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0. Starter discussion question:

“What is your current attitude to reading the Old Testament? (Be honest!)”

1. CALL TO WORSHIP – Deuteronomy 30:1-20

2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Bobby Langat)

SONG 1: Come behold the wondrous mystery

SONG 2: Rock of Ages

3. Prayers of intercession

- To be grateful disciples of Jesus
- Healthcare workers
- Those facing financial/economic difficulties
- Elders' meeting

4. The Bible Project – the Messiah

5. Bible reading: Matthew 5:17-20

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. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

SERMON OUTLINE: The heartbeat of the Law & Prophets (Matt. 5:13-16)

The pull of stories

Story is the way we often make sense of our lives

At its heart, the Bible is one Big Story

The story of the crowds

- ? Crowds: How does Jesus fit in with the Old Testament story that I know?
- ? Disciples: What's our role in this Story you are telling, Jesus?
- ? Christians (us!): how does the Old Testament fit in with the gospel story?

Not going to answer every possible theological question about the Law

Announcement: Jesus is the completion of the Story, not a part of some plan B (v.17-18)

"Law and the Prophets" = the entire OT

Throw it all away, like the Star Wars Expanded Universe?

The contrast: abolishment vs fulfilment, means...

Not everything stays the same!

"Fulfil"

- Come to keep the law perfectly?
- Just the moral law?

Bring to completion!

Fulfilment in Matthew so far

Eg. Matt. 1:22-23, 2:15

How the OT points to Jesus

- Explicit prediction

- Establishing patterns

- (Un)Realised potential

Never Plan B!

The Jesus lens

Implication: Know the Story as well as you can

Summons: Let Jesus bring you into his Story, and you're set for eternity (v.19-20)

The "commands" = kingdom teaching (see next few weeks!)

The Jesus prism

Not to do vs To do (v.19)

Surpassing the Pharisees' righteousness (v.20) = about the h_____

Implication: Participate in this Story by following Jesus' commands

...and enjoy its ending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- New Connect Card
- Elders meeting: 2nd June
- EYM
- Giving
- Prayer Meeting

TAKE HOME REFLECTION QUESTION

What practical steps can I take to know God's Story better and participate in it?

BENEDICTION

²³ May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24