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 - b. Obedience to the letter of the Law was _____.
 - c. Their courts were the authority for _____.
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**BE DIFFERENT
LIVE DIFFERENT**

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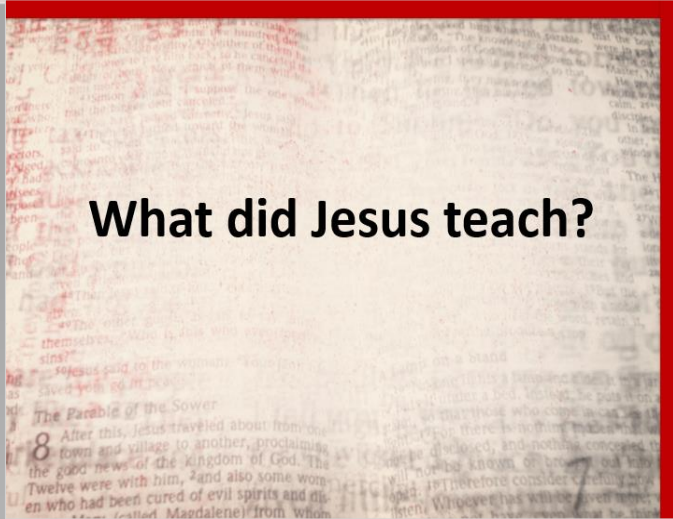
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A group of diverse people, including men and women of various ethnicities, are shown in profile, looking towards the right side of the frame. They appear to be in a classroom or a meeting, with some wearing business attire like shirts and ties. The background is slightly blurred, suggesting an indoor setting with windows.

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*The scribes and Pharisees clearly
saw themselves as righteous.*

Luke 18:11-12

The Pharisee stood and was praying thus to himself, “God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax-gatherer. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.”

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In their minds, they had become the judges of the Law.

Matthew 23:1-2

Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses..."

What did Jesus teach?

The Parable of the Sower

8 After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: (called Magdalene) from whom

A Lamp on a Stand

16 No one lights a lamp and hides it in a jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, he puts it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light. 17 For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open. 18 Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have even what he thinks

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***The scribes and Pharisees
derived their righteousness
from the Law.***

BUT

Romans 3:20

...by the works of the Law **no person**
will be justified in *God's* sight;
for through the Law comes
the knowledge of sin.

*If you are counting on good you've
done for acceptance by God...*

You are not a Christian.

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“Raca” was probably meant as an insult of a person’s worth or intelligence.

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“*Mōre*” probably expressed contempt for a person’s moral character.

Anger, contempt, and the like are murderous because they flow out of personal judgments that lead to the devaluation of life.

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***Who has the authority
to condemn a person
to hell?***



How should we respond?

Matthew 7:24

Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock.

What is your wise response?

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Matthew 5:17

Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill.

Romans 10:4

For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Philippians 3:9

...that I may be found in Christ, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith.

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Not everyone who says to Me,
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heaven; but he who does the will
of My Father who is in heaven.

John 3:36

He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

***Your salvation will not come
from your good works.
Your good works will come
from your salvation.***

**Where are you?
Have you been
believing that
you can manage
God's expectations,
or is Jesus your
only hope?**

