

February 18



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# Jesus Teaches His Disciples (Part 2)

Matthew 5:17-6:4, 6:16-7:6, 7:13-29



**Prayer**



ANY  
QUESTIONS  
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Context.

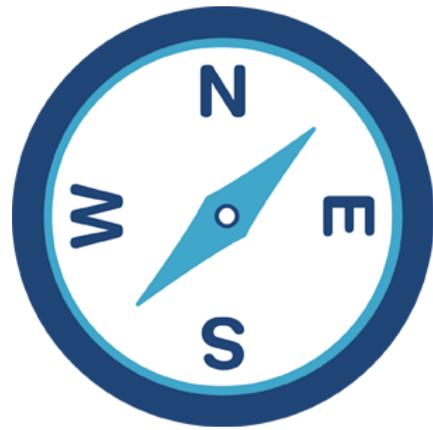
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# WHO?



WHEN?

- This event took place during the beginning of Jesus' three year ministry



**WHERE**

# JESUS' MINISTRY

Likely location of Sermon on the Mount



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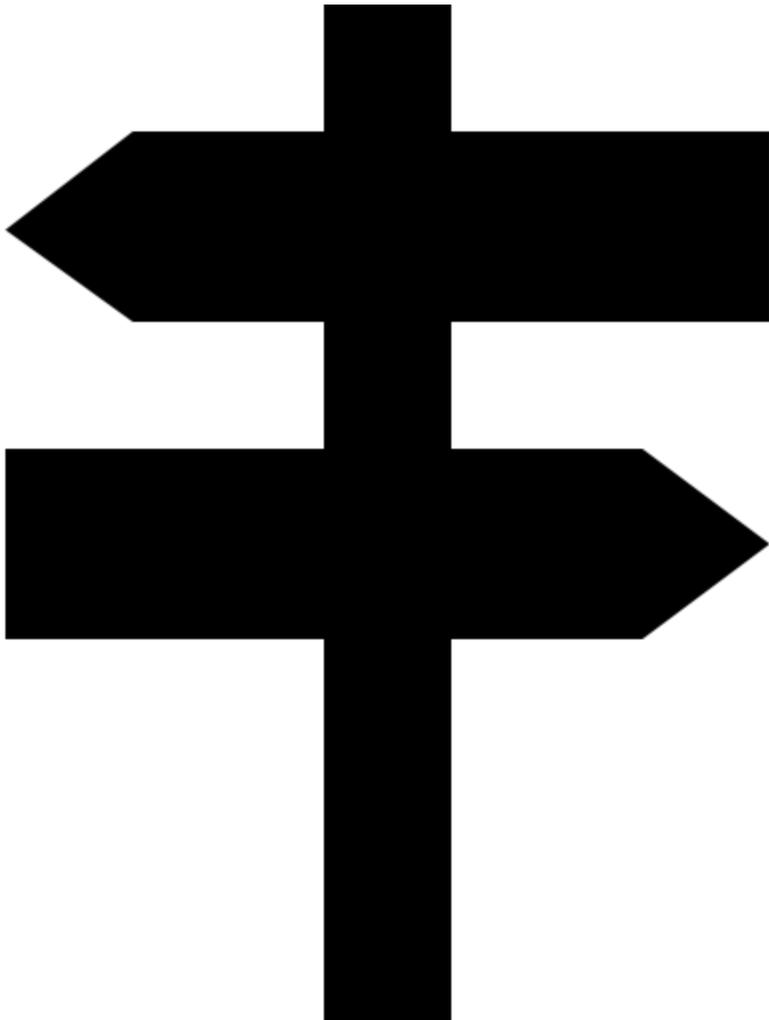
Curb: God's law keeps our sinful nature in line with its threats of punishment



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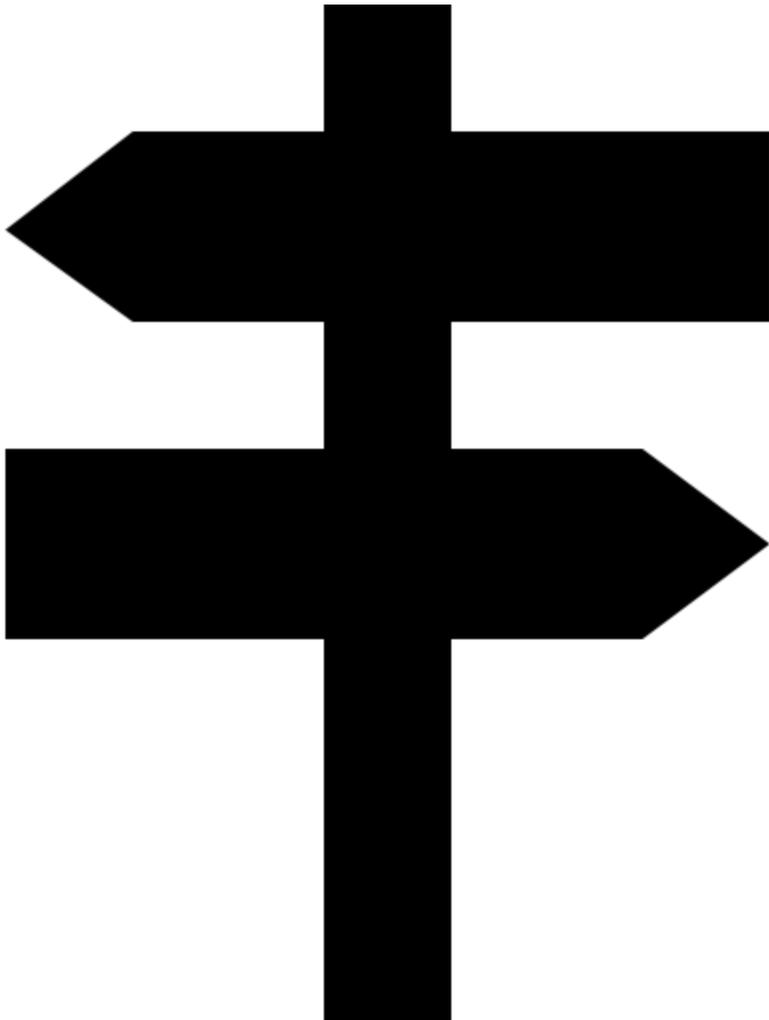
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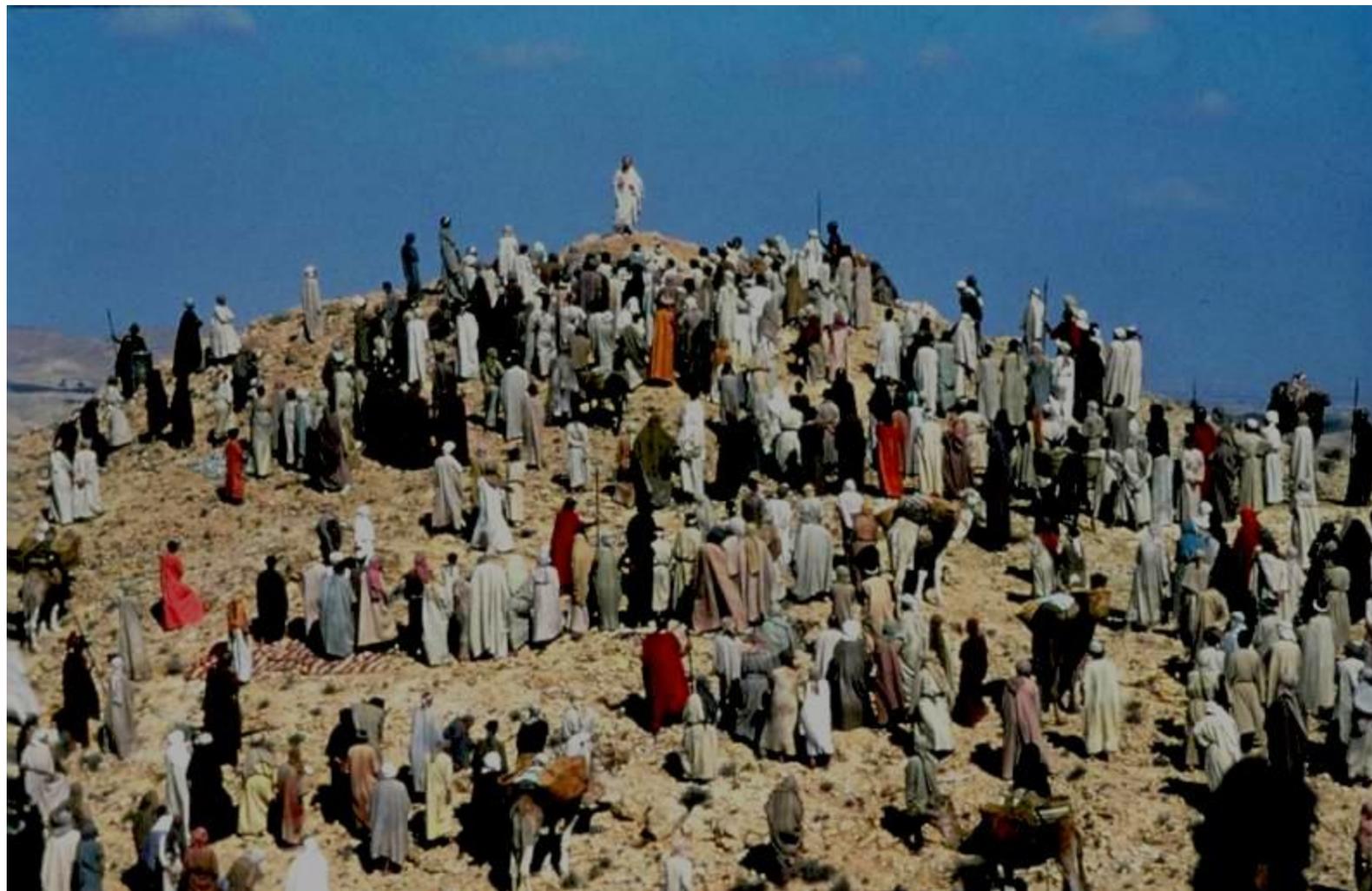
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Guide: God's law shows believers  
how to live in thanks to God



# The Sermon



# Read: Matthew 5:17-20

\*1.) Jesus had not come to abolish (get rid of) the Law, but to fulfill it for us! But Jesus said that his followers need a better righteousness than the Pharisees and teachers of the law—how can anyone attain such perfection?

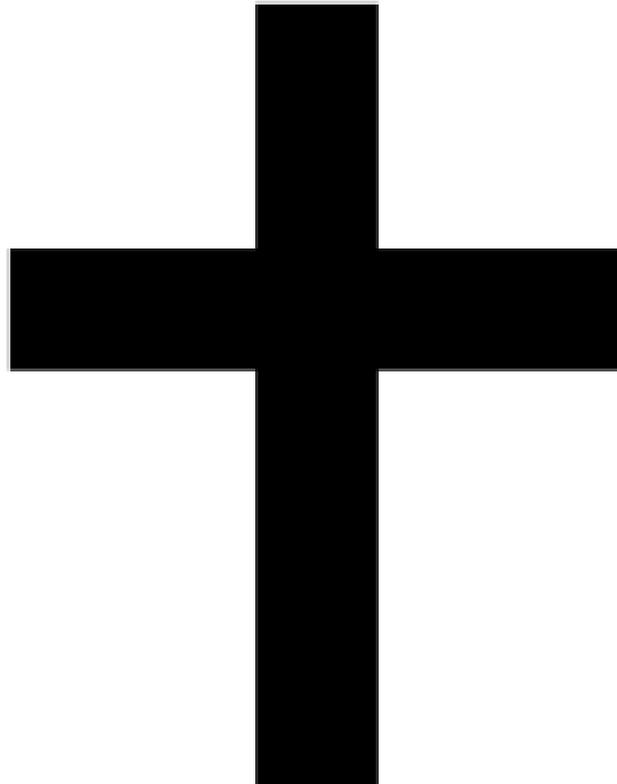


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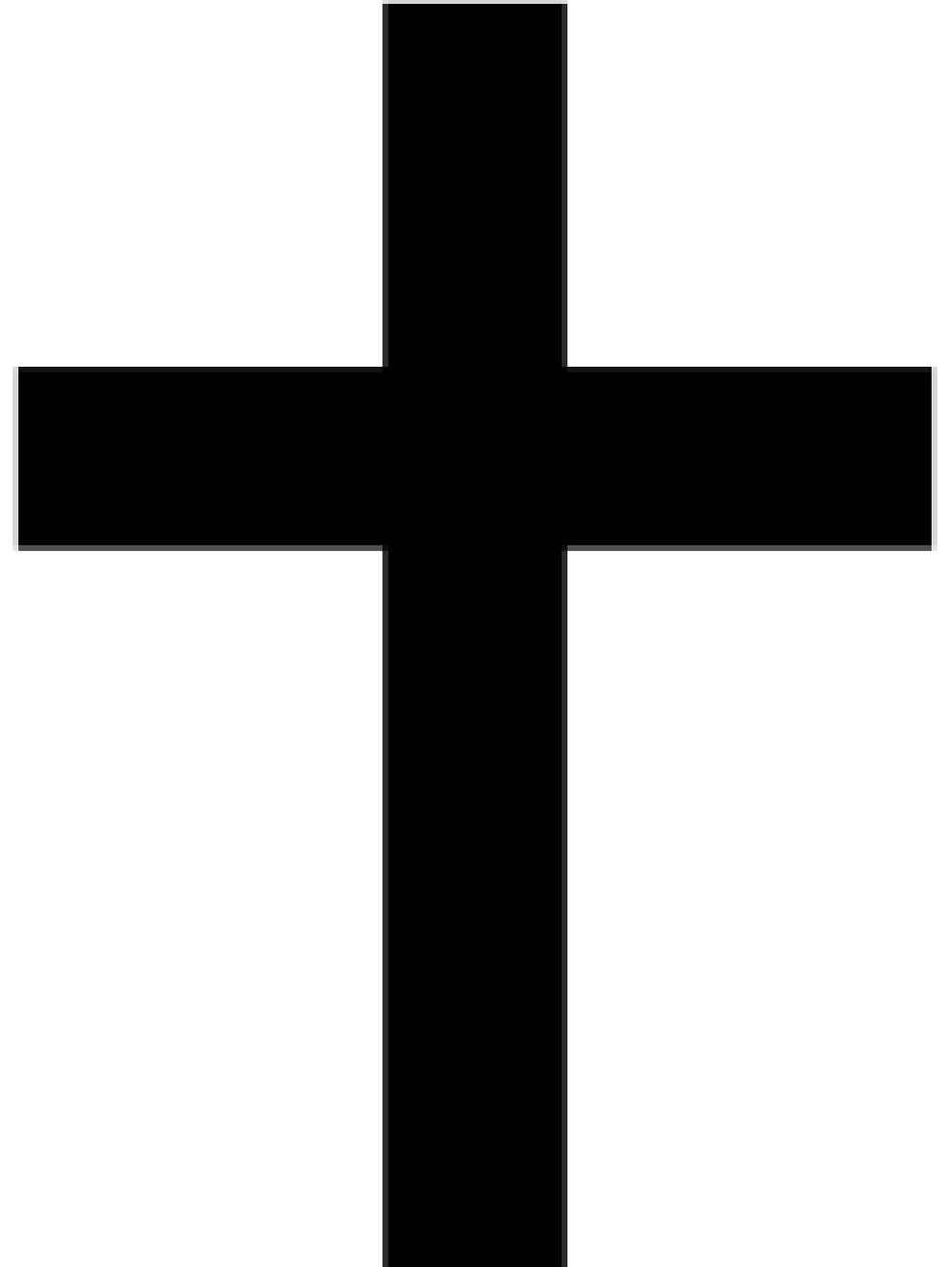
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- We are made perfect by God through faith in Christ



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\*2.) In all his teaching Jesus takes God's commands to a deeper level. The Fifth Commandment ("You shall not murder.") does not only cover physical harm or murder. What else does it include?



MURDER

- It includes feelings of anger/hate and all insulting language!



# Read: Matthew 5:23-26

- Once we've realized that we've sinned against someone, we should do all we can to make it right as soon as possible!



# Matthew 5:27-30

\*3.) Before we read this section let's remind ourselves of Genesis 2:24. What is the only place that God wants human sexuality to be expressed?

THOU SHALL NOT  
COMMIT ADULTERY  
EXODUS 20:14

- Within the lifelong bond of one man – one woman marriage

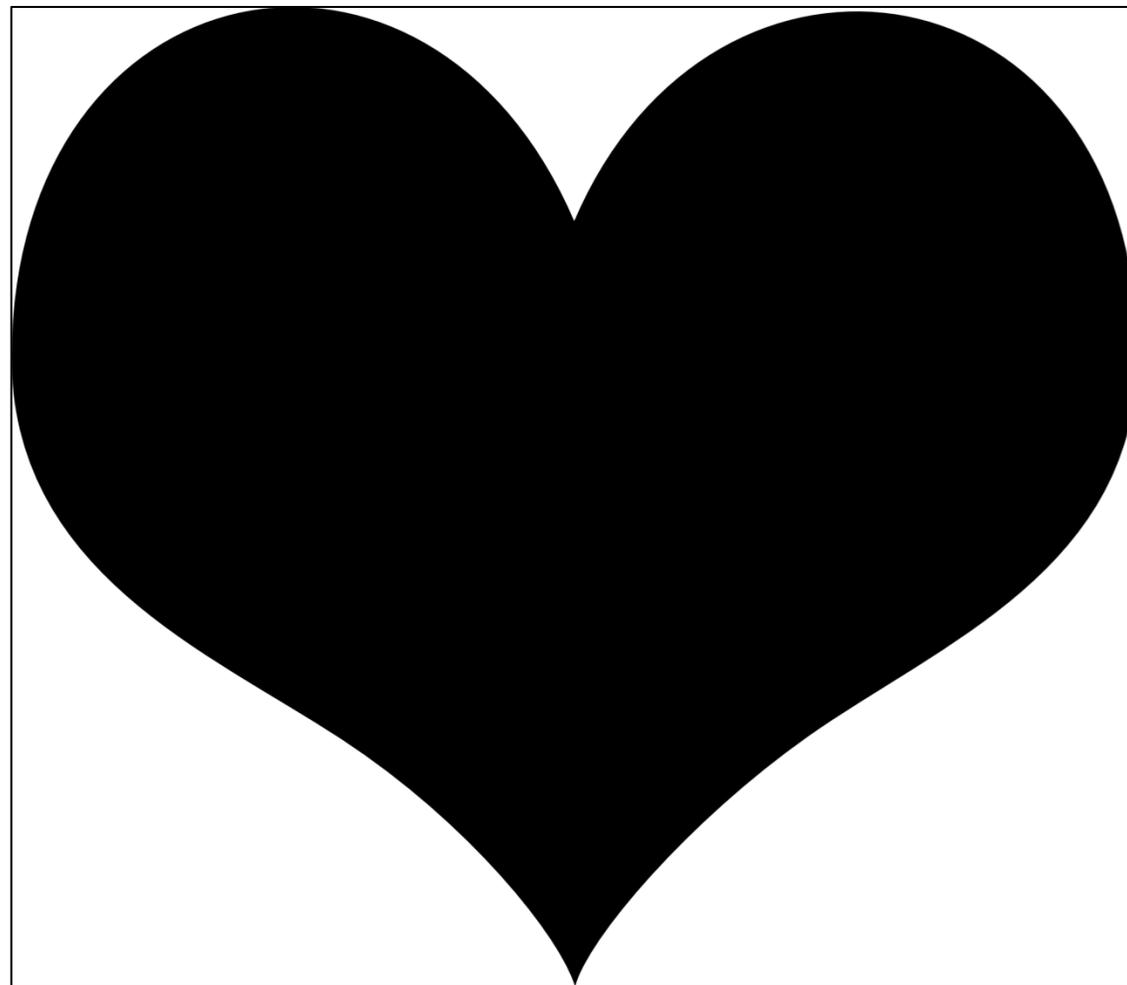


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\*4.) Although Jesus talks about the eyes and the hand, where does adultery originate?



- Lust in the heart



# Read: Matthew 5:31-32

\*5.) Divorce was legal in Jesus' time just as today, but Jesus says it is also a serious sin. When does God allow for a divorce to happen?



- If one of the spouses has committed adultery with another person and broken the marriage bond.



# Read: Matthew 5:33-37

\*6.) Swearing:



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Christians are to be trustworthy people of their word.



# Read: Matthew 5:38-48

\*7.) How does God want us to treat our enemies?



- God wants us to **SHOW** love to them and not repay their evil in kind



# Read: Matthew 6:1-4

- When helping those in need Jesus says we can either receive our praise from men or God, not both. The praise of men is only for this life; God's secret praise is eternal.



# Read: Matthew 6:16-18

\*8.) Fasting:



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\*8.) Fasting: voluntarily going without food for the purpose of spiritual discipline



# Read: Matthew 6:19-24

\*9.) Why is it foolish to set our hearts on earthly treasures and riches? (v. 19, 24)



- Earthy treasures can be stolen or destroyed
- If we're not careful riches can become our god



# Read: Matthew 6:25-34

\*10.) We worry when we forget God's promises and imagine that we are in control of our lives.

What antidote does Jesus give us for worry?



- Jesus reminds us how valuable we are to God—so much more so than birds and flowers and yet God takes care of them
- He promises that when we make God the top priority in our lives we will always have what we **NEED** (not necessarily what we want)





Don't Judge

Just Love

Before you judge

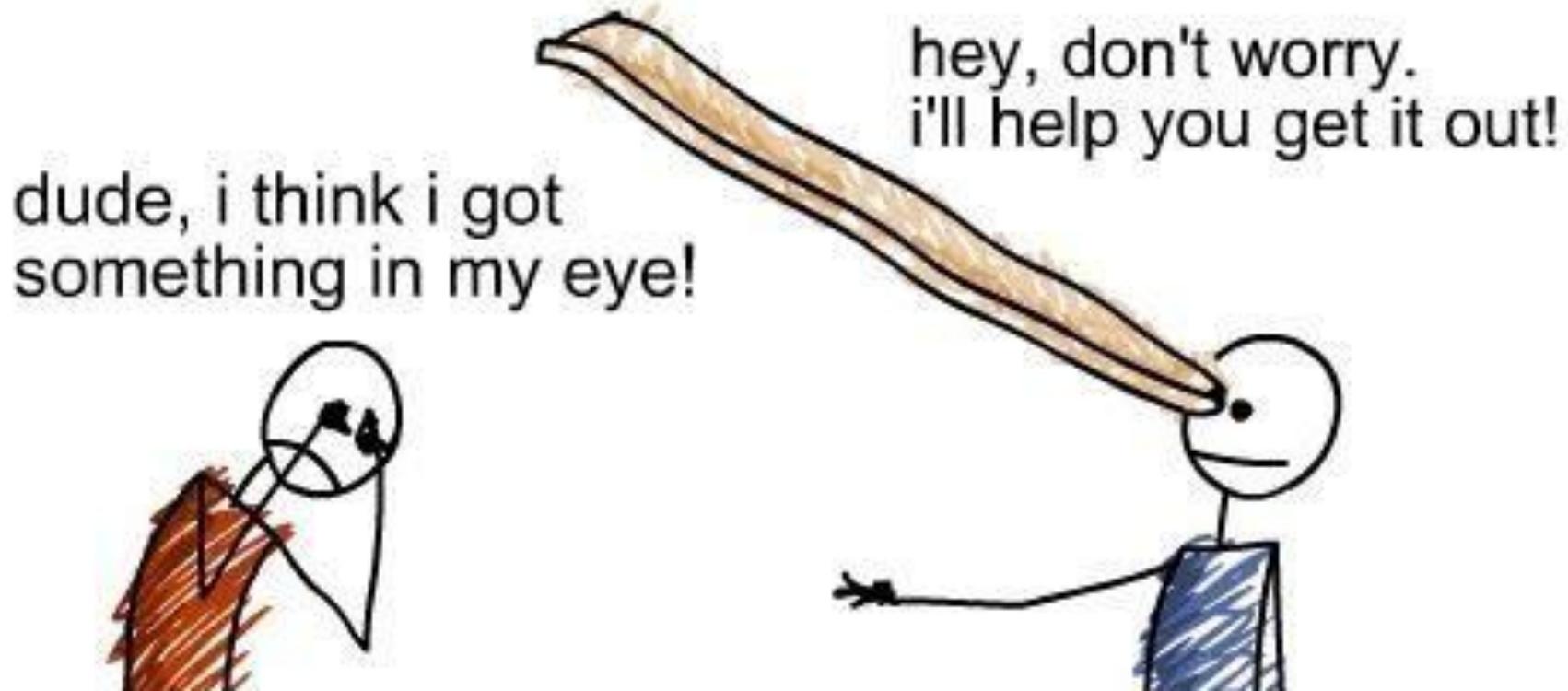
**ME**

Make sure that you're

**PERFECT**

\*11.) Does Jesus not want us to judge at all? How should we judge?

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We are to judge all people (including ourselves!) based on God’s Word, and do so with humility, remembering we too are sinners.

# Read: Matthew 7:13-14

- Jesus says many will be damned and few will be saved—praise God that he has shown us the path to eternal life through faith in his Son!



Matthew 7:13

**Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.**

# Read: Matthew 7:15-23

\*12.) How does Jesus tell us to recognize false prophets and teachers? (v. 16, 21)



- Look at their lives! Are they SAYING and LIVING what God's Word says!



# Read: Matthew 7:24-29

\*13.) Life is full of storms and trouble. What does Jesus say is the key to an unshakable life? (v. 24)



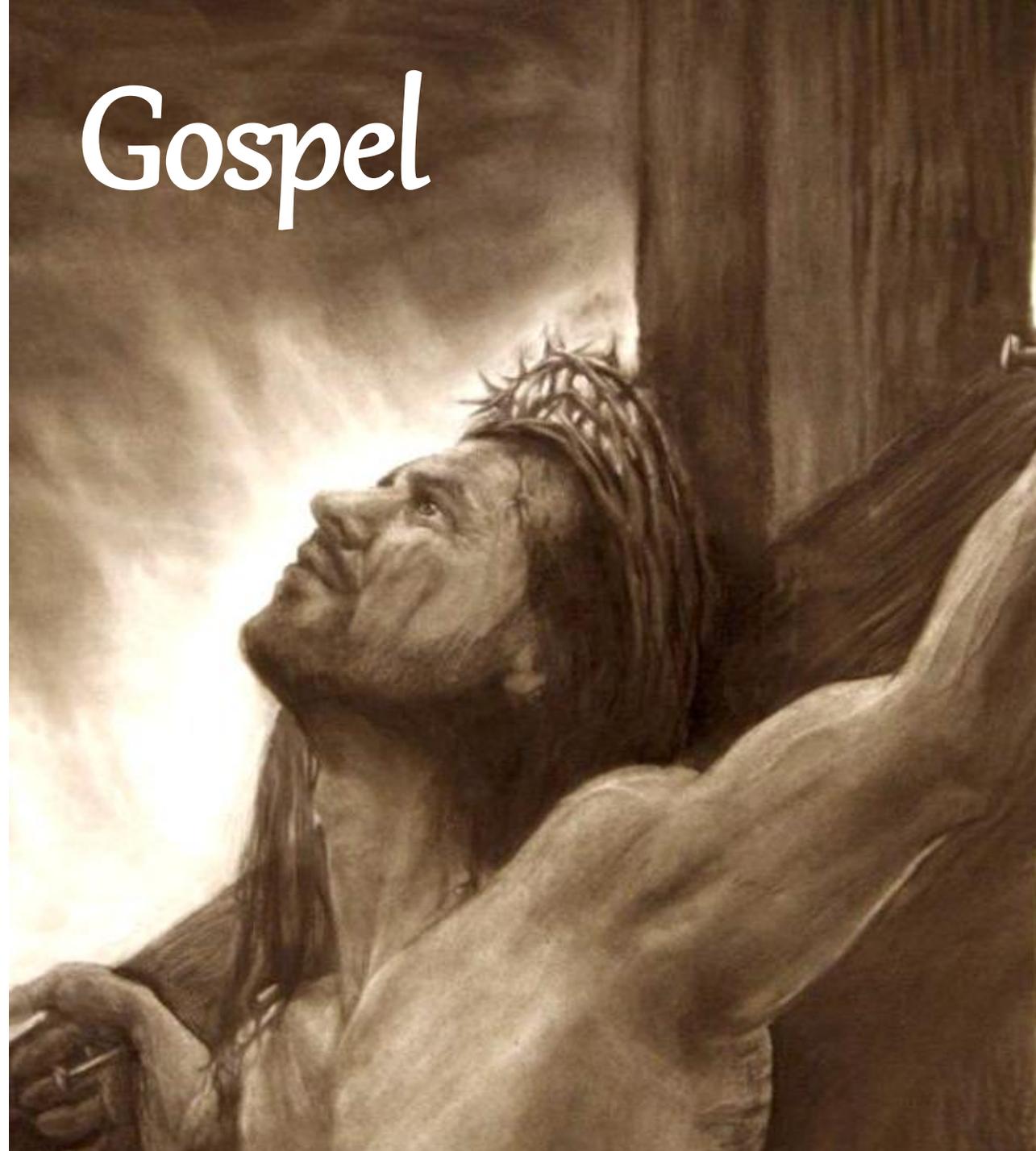
- Hearing God's Word and **DOING** what it says!



# LAW



# Gospel



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- God's commands, threats, punishments...
  - All the commands in this section that show us our sins AND show us how to live lives of thanks and glory to God

# Gospel

- God's mercy, forgiveness, goodness, and promises...
  - We are saved NOT because of how good we are, but because we have one who fulfilled God's law perfectly in our place: Jesus Christ

DO YOU KNOW  
WHAT YOU ARE  
CALLED  
TODDO ?

# For Next Time...

- Read: Matthew 6:6-15, 7:7-12; Luke 18:1-8 (Jesus Teaches about Prayer)
- Complete Reflection Guide
- *Memory Work: The Lord's Prayer*
- Prepare for Test (due 3/1)

