

Sermon Title: **“THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SIN”**

Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28, 31-32, 33-35, 38-39, & 43-45

- The focus of the Sermon on the Mount is the _____ (What’s happening on the _____?)
- To the common Jewish person, the _____ of the scribes & Pharisees was unattainable (it was untouchable)
- Sadly, these “teachers,” who had devoted themselves to studying the _____, had ended up twisting the Law (they attempted to make the _____ attainable)
- No matter how hard we try to clean ourselves up, we will _____ fall short of perfection & true holiness
- Twisting & contorting Scripture as a source of _____ is a serious offense
- Sin is _____ than a physical act (we can commit sin in our hearts & minds _____ before we ever act out sinfully)
 - The _____ addresses heart level sins
 - _____ is a heart level sin issue... _____ is a heart level sin issue
 - Jesus was correcting this _____ practice & exposing it for the heart level sin at play – deeply connected to lust
 - Our words are a reflection of our hearts – it reveals our _____
 - When we see our sin & what God’s forgiven us of it really forces us to ask “How can I _____ forgiveness from someone else?”
 - Followers of Christ are to _____ their enemies (they are to commit to _____ for the people who persecute them)
- God’s system reveals the heart (at the core, we are _____ wicked & sinful)
- We need to properly view _____ in order to correctly understand the significance of a _____
 - Jesus’ sacrificial _____ offers sinners forgiveness & reconciliation
 - When we neglect the depravity of sin, we minimize the desperate need we ALL have to be _____
 - The study of sin is intertwined w/ a proper view of salvation (it shows our need & the _____ Solution to that need, Jesus)
- Jesus was _____ the sinful thought pattern of justifying or excusing away heart level sin (b/c doing that negates the significance of our Savior)