

CHRISTIANITY

FOR
SCEPTICS, ENQUIRERS & BELIEVERS

A very warm welcome

Our speaker today is Tom Barnardo

Our passage is Matthew 5:17-20

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17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. **18** 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. **19** 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. **20** For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus has come to fulfil the law

General observations

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i. Jesus has come to fulfil the Law (v17-18)

ii. His commandments should therefore be obeyed (v19-20)

Questions:

"I have not come to abolish [the Law or the Prophets] but to fulfil them". What do you understand Jesus to be saying here?

How seriously do we take Jesus' ethical commandments? When do we compromise and why?

How do the Beatitudes (5:3-11) provide us with comfort as we strive to obey Jesus but fail?