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Jesus' Revolutionary Teaching

Jesus' teaching agitates the religious leaders in two areas:
The law was intended . . .

I. For **Simplicity** not **Complexity**.

A. The **Miracle** at Bethesda

Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. John 5:2-3

1. The crippled man and the **Messiah**. (vs 1-9)
2. The crippled man and the **critics**. (vs 10-13)

B. The **Message** at Bethesda

So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise." John 5:19

1. The **tirade** against Jesus.

*And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because **he was doing these things on the Sabbath**.* John 5:16

*This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, **making himself equal with God**.*

John 5:18

2. The **testimonies** concerning Jesus.

- From John the Baptist
- From His own works

- From the Father
- From the prophets

C. The **Matter** of the Grain

One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" Mark 2:23-24

And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath." Mark 2:27-28

II. For **Conformity** not **Condemnation**.

"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." Matthew 5:17

"You've heard it said . . ."

- **Murder**

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.'" Matthew 5:21

- **Adultery**

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'" Matthew 5:27

- **Divorce**

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'" Matthew 5:31

- **Eye for eye**

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'" Matthew 5:38

- **Love neighbor, hate enemy**

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'" Matthew 5:43

"But I say . . ."

"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 7:12

*"Everyone then who hears these words of mine **and does them** will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock."* Matthew 7:24