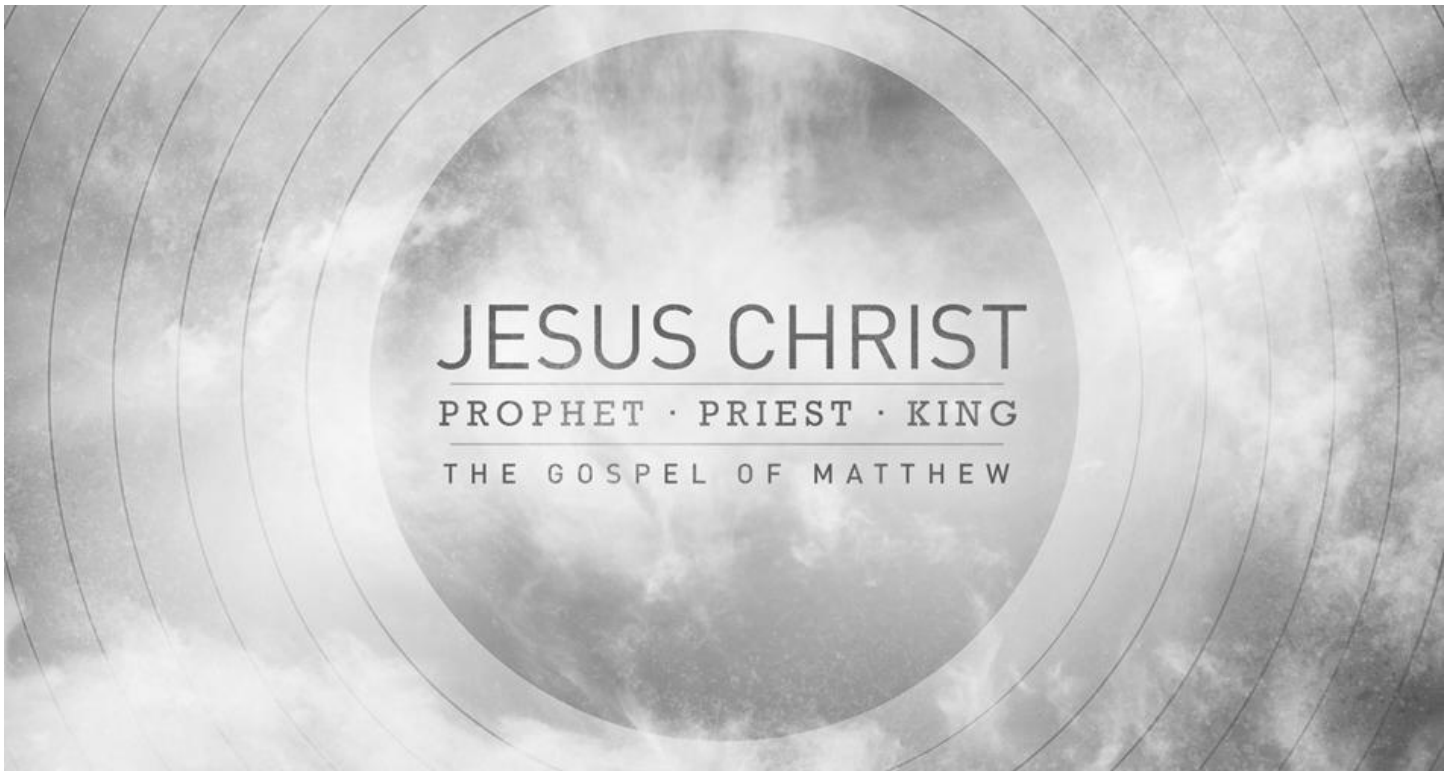




MATTHEW 7:1–6

Introduction

- The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) was a sermon Jesus preached to his _____ (Matthew 5:1).
- The Sermon on the Mount has three main aims:
 - It exposes our sin.
 - It drives us to repentance and faith in Jesus.
 - It shows us how to live lives that honor God.
- Immediately after talking about money, Jesus warned his disciples about _____ and _____.

“Whenever Christians say that something is either right or wrong, or whenever they speak out against immoral or destructive behavior in another person, they are frequently told that they are not to judge, meaning that any behavior is right and that any attempt to deny that it is right is itself wrong. In fact, in our postmodern environment, the only acknowledged evil is claiming that someone else is mistaken.” (James Boice, *Matthew*)

The Big Idea

- Jesus wants his disciples to _____ one another (John 13:34-35, 15:12, 15:17 ... 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a).

What was Jesus not saying in these verses?

- Jesus was not saying that Christians should abandon all spiritual and moral _____.
- Jesus was not saying that Christians should accept and celebrate all _____.
- Jesus was not saying that Christians should be _____ before pointing out sin.
- Jesus was not saying that Christians should refuse to practice loving church _____.
- Jesus was not saying that Christians should never rebuke _____.
- Jesus was not saying that Christians should never decide that a man is unfit for or disqualified from _____.
- Jesus was not saying _____ things about human beings (dogs, pigs).

What was Jesus saying in these verses?

- Jesus was saying that Christians should avoid _____ critical, _____ critical, and _____ judgment of others (Matthew 7:1-5).
- Jesus was saying that Christians should recognize when it is _____ to _____ a rebuke (Matthew 7:6).

Application

- Do not assume the _____ in others.
- Do not be _____ with sanctification.
- Do not be _____ to offer a rebuke.
- Do not judge the _____ of others.
- Do not join the _____ of the mob.
- Do not expect non-Christians to live like _____.
- _____ one another!