



MATTHEW 5

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Eye for Eye, **5:38-42**

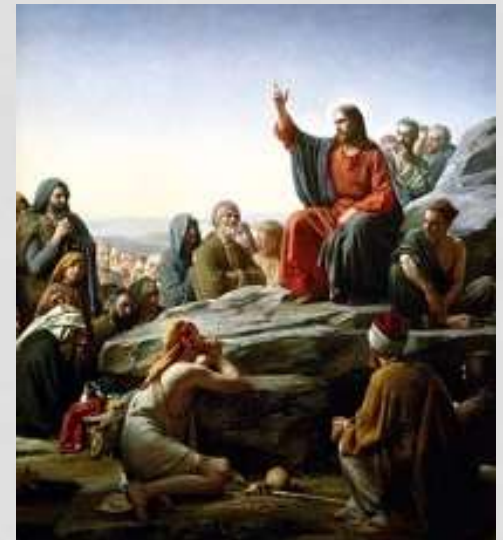
INTRODUCTION

- Salt and Light, **5:13-16**
- The Fulfillment of the Law, **5:17-20**
- Murder, **5:21-26**
- Marriage, Adultery, Divorce, **5:27-32**
- Oaths, **5:33-37**
- Eye for Eye, **5:38-42**
- Love for Enemies, **5:43-48**



EYE FOR EYE, 5:38-42

- Deuteronomy 19:15-21 Witnesses & justice
- Exodus 21:22-24 from section on personal injury [21:12-26]
- “But I say to you...” formula of authority & reconceptualization
- Do not resist evil/evil person
- Strike on the right cheek, turn the other





- See other place where “strike” is used in Matthew!
- Matthew 26:67, 68 [Jesus before Caiaphas high priest]
- Jesus modeled this!
- Sue & take met by “yield”
- Kingdom value put into action!



The verse is a reference to the practice of "impressment" which, among other things, allowed a Roman soldier to conscript a Jewish native to carry his equipment for one Roman mile (*milion* = 1,000 paces, ~1,611 yds or 1,473 metres)



No easy task--a Roman soldier's backpack could ~100 pounds (45.4 kg).

New Oxford Annotated Study Bible suggests that going the 2nd mile might spare another from such compulsion.

YOU SHALL NOT TURN AWAY

- Person asking
- Person wanting to borrow
- What does it imply when a disciple turns a person away?
- Why is this act so critical for Jesus in the life of a disciple?
- Fundamental kingdom value of caring involvement

