

MEETING JESUS IN MATTHEW PART II. WHAT DID JESUS TEACH?



Matthew 5:38-48 That's Not Normal

Jesus disagrees with
what's normal.

(v. 38-39a)

Exodus 21:22–25 (NIV)

If people are fighting and hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined whatever the woman's husband demands and the court allows. But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, **eye for eye, tooth for tooth**, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.

Jesus insists we return
good for evil.

(v. 39b-42)

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4. When others need us, we don't turn them away.

Jesus insists we love our
enemies instead of hating
them. (v. 43)

Christianity isn't normal,
because grace isn't
normal. (v. 48)

Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. **Others slapped him**

Matthew 26:67 (NIV)

23 When the soldiers crucified Jesus, **they took his clothes**, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with **the undergarment remaining**. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

24 “Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it...”

John 19:23-24a (NIV)

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

Luke 23:34a(NIV)

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