"Jesus Broke With The Conventional"

Lesson Text: Matthew 5:20-22. Jesus Was Not A Radical, Liberal, Or A Revolutionist.

I. Jesus Taught To Correct Some "Wrong Concepts"

- Lust, Divorcing, & Remarrying- Matthew 5:27-28; 31-32.
- Making Vows & Swearing- Matthew 5:33-37.
- Resisting Or Retaliation- Matthew 5:38-42.
- Hating Your Enemy- Matthew 5:43-48.
- The Sabbath Day- Matthew 12:9-13; John 7:23; Mark 2:27.
- God's House For Prayer- John 2:13-17; Matthew 21:12-13.
- The Kingdom Is A Physical, Earthly Kingdom- John 6:15; Luke 14:15; John 18:36.
- Jesus Taught The Purpose & Meaning Of God's Commandments.
 - Jesus Did Not Teach Anyone To Break God's Laws- Matthew 5:17-19.
 - Nor Did Jesus Believe God's Word Could Be Broken- John 10:35.
 - But Taught Obedience To The Father By Example- John 15:10.

II. Jesus Taught To Do Things In Secret, Not To Be Seen Of Men.

- Matthew 6:1-6; vs. 16-18.

III. Jesus Taught Men Not To Be Exalted By Titles Or Garb.

Matthew 23:6-12.

IV. Do We Need To Break With The Conventional Today?

- Correct Wrong Concepts Today.
 - Easter Tradition Of Once A Year Celebration Of Jesus' Death.
 - Popular Religious Slogans Of Today:
 - "Join The Church Of Your Choice."
 - "Everyone Has A Right To Their Own Belief."
 - "There's Good And Bad In All Denominations."
 - "Give Me Relationship, Not A Religion."
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:21; 1 Peter 4:11.
 - The Church Should Be A Place For Entertainment, Fun, & Recreation."
 - Church Is More Like A Social Club— Than Focusing On The Spiritual.
 - Some Even Believe We Must Use The Carnal To Draw Them In.
 - Do All Churches Have Church Basketball Leagues, Ice Cream Socials, Paint Ball, Pizza Parties...
 - Did Jesus Ever Use Any Of This To Draw People To Him? John 12:32.
- The Church Is All About What We See: Cathedrals, Acoustics, Lights, Choirs, "Show-Time!"
 - When Churches Help Others, They Often Boast All Their Accomplishments....
 - Do We Do All We Do To Please Men Or God? Are We Judging Successful Churches By Human Standards?
- Men Who Wear Religious Titles:
 - Reverend, Arch-Bishop, Pope, Moderator, Founding Pastor, Youth Minister, Minister Of Music, Phd....
 - Wearing Religious Garb Today?
 - Why Exalt Men? Where Is The Humility In That?
 - Do We Really Believe Jesus In Matthew 23:12?
- Are We Looking For The Plain Truth, And Nothing But The Truth?