

Matthew - "Why Jesus?"

The Sermon on the Mount

***"Overcoming a critical
eye"***

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Matthew 7:1-6 – Overcoming a critical eye

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Titus 3:12 When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there.

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I Cor. 5:12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge?

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John 18:31 Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death."

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1 Cor. 4:4 For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. [5] Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

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James 4:11 Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. [12] There is only One Lawgiver and Judge, He who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

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Rom. 14:10 Why do you pass judgment (krino) on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God;

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3) How do we determine if we are passing judgment?

- a) The goal is NOT so they agree with you
 - b) Not so they do it YOUR WAY
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This has been our theme throughout the whole sermon:

- *Don't assume & then call people idiots – not relational (Matt. 5:21-26)*
 - *Don't objectify people in lust – not relational (Matt. 5:27-30)*
 - *Don't live your life so poorly you have to qualify every statement you make – not relational (Matt. 5:33-37)*
 - *Don't compete with people – not relational (Matt. 5:38-48)*
 - *Don't do things like pray & give & fast to be seen – simply tricking folks and presenting a false self – not relational (Matt. 6:1-18)*
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Dale Allison – “Human beings unhappily possess an inbred proclivity to mix ignorance of themselves with arrogance toward others.”

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Prov. 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.

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Hillel said... "Don't judge a friend until you reach his place." (Pirkei Avos 2:5)

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- *Humility = seeing YOURSELF accurately*
- *LOVE = wanting what's BEST for THEM*

Do I have that balance?

Not self-preserving where I will say nothing, but not condemning

Completely aware all the time of my own PLANKS

And wanting what's best for them not me

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