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# Jesus Tweets



# SERMON on the MOUNT

Matthew 5-7





# The Tweet! – Mark 10:25

(118 Characters)

**“Do not resist an evil person.  
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cheek, turn to them the  
other cheek also.”**





## **Matthew 5:39-42**

**But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.**



**Why is it Here?**



**Jesus can't  
be serious!**



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**Does he actually expect me to live above what people expect of me going two miles when they ask for one?**



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**If I applied it that way**

- **Constantly bullied**
- **No need to buy anything because I would just be required to let people steal it**
- **Constantly being taken advantage of**
- **Christians would be broke, beaten and destitute**



**Why is it Here?**

**Is that  
what Jesus  
intended?**



**IMHO ... NO!**

**Inconsistent with Jesus' actions**





**IMHO ... NO!**

**Inconsistent with Jesus' actions**

**Inconsistent with Jesus' teaching**

***“I am sending you out like sheep among wolves.  
Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent  
as doves”***

***Matthew 10:16***



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**Mixing these three images together gives us a great image of a healthy Christian**

- 1. Smart enough to avoid conflict**
- 2. Able to wait patiently for God**
- 3. Gentle enough to approach a situation with care**



# How do I Apply It?

**“Do not resist an evil person.  
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right cheek, turn to them the  
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**How do I Apply It?**



**Avoiding Vengeance  
is a part of  
the teaching**



# How do I Apply It?



**This section of  
scripture is all about  
dealing with people**



# How do I Apply It?



**But as we reach here Jesus  
is talking about dealing with  
people we may not  
see eye to eye with  
or even be in conflict with**



# How do I Apply It?

**In that context his  
statements touches on the  
priorities of  
Grace and Mercy**





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# The Final Word

**“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”**



**Matthew 5:43-48**

# The Final Word

**MANY amongst  
Christian faith see  
“Enemies”**



# The Final Word

**Jesus draws a line in  
the sand love  
your enemy**



# The Final Word

**Therefore, the more  
enemies you see the  
more call there  
is to love**





# The Final Word

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**Action that is counter culturally then and now**



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**The idea was not to  
create door mats,  
but to open doors**



