



STUDY GUIDE

March 23-24, 2019



Series Overview: Jesus didn't come to this planet to enhance an old religion. He didn't come just to make bold proclamations and offer wise teachings. From the moment an angel told Mary she would give birth to a Son whose 'Kingdom would not end,' it was clear: Jesus came to introduce something new, not to extend something old. He came to replace something that had been in place since the time of Moses, and our world hasn't been the same since.

Watch	Introduction
<p>Verified, Demonstrated, Authenticated</p> <p>The sermon is up on the spac.ca/watch website Tuesday of each week.</p>	<p>As Jesus marched toward Jerusalem He dealt with spies in the ranks who attempted to trip him up with insincere and trick questions. Here Jesus answers, love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength – as well as your neighbor.” This signaled a huge shift – something Jesus had been pointing to all along: His religion was shifting from a vertical orientation to a horizontal orientation.</p> <p>Jesus is speaking to people who are highly religious yet treat others poorly. The religion of the first century was almost exclusively horizontally oriented – so Jesus signals change – now it's about loving your neighbor – in other words, love for God is now Verified, Demonstrated, and Authenticated by love for others.</p>

Engage
<p style="text-align: center;">Scripture: Matthew 22:15-16; 23-28; 33-40; John 13:34-35</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If you could summarize the sermon in one minute, what would you say? 2. What is your natural human reaction to many rules? What 'rule heavy' environments have you been in that made you want to be rebellious? 3. The claim that Jesus was modifying the religion of the day from a vertical orientation to a horizontal orientation likely had massive implications for religious people. What are the implications for us? 4. Consider Jesus point: "As I have loved you – so you must love one another" (John 13:34). What did Jesus want us to hear and act on in that? 5. Greg has repeatedly held out this summary: "What does love require of me?" <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Do you find this a helpful summary of our faith? b. What is love requiring of you this week?

Pray	Announce
<p>For clarity on how Jesus wants you to see "what love requires of you" right now. For those who are grieving the loss of loved ones in our own community. You can request prayer any time PRAYER REQUESTS.</p>	<p>Senior's Supper – March 27 Boomers – March 29 Pizza with the Pastor: Seasoned Edition – April 4 Check out: www.spac.ca/events</p>
<p>We have a pastoral care team at SPAC to walk alongside people through life's challenges. Should anyone in your group experience significant illness, death of a loved one, marriage challenges, or surgeries, (with their permission) please contact our church office: (780) 467-8404</p>	