

## What Man Has Missed In The Bible

God presented Moses with Ten Commandments. Jesus told His followers to “Love thy neighbor as thyself” and presented parables like the Good Samaritan as examples of how we Christians should behave. He commanded His Apostles to spread His Teachings to men of all nations and to forgive their sins. His Word was simple but many missed the meaning.

So many churches and denominations are so busy making their own laws for their own self-serving interests that many have missed the real meaning of His Teachings. What Jesus really meant. Don't eat meat on Friday, well at least not this Friday, depending on where you live. If you are a Priest you must remain celibate. Sort of. Depending on what type of Christian you claim to be. Funny, I can't find any passage in the Bible that says different groups of Jesus' Followers should follow different rules, laws or Commandments. I also couldn't find where Jesus said don't eat meat on Friday or that Priests could not be married. Some of His Apostles were in fact married with families.

Has man missed something here? Have we perhaps lost the true meaning of His Teachings?

In fact, eating, or not eating, meat on Friday and Priests being celibate are Church rules made by various denominations which don't even apply across all Christians. Certainly, Christ never taught that there should be different “Laws” or “Commandments” for different people. Quite the opposite, everything I read in the Bible says that Jesus intended for there to be “one Church” and “one Body”. And thus by extension of that “oneness” only one set of rules for all mankind to live by.

Much of this “let's make up our own rules” stems back to the passages where Jesus declared Peter the Rock upon which he would build His Church and conferred the power to His Apostles to “bind and to loose”. Jesus also gave the power to forgive sins, as is found stated in other places in the Bible as well. This makes sense. When Jesus returned to His Father, someone on earth had to have power to forgive sin. However, Jesus didn't confer the power to add Commandments or define new sins.

Part of the problem is that one must understand how the phrase “to bind and loose” was used in the time of Jesus. You must also understand the context in which Jesus used it. The history of the Bible as we know it today sheds some light on the problems of mistranslation and misinterpretation that have occurred over the last 2000 years. Problems which lead to different sins for different people.

For a very simplified history, the teachings of Jesus were most probably *spoken* in Aramaic to His Apostles. Jesus' teachings were likely first *written* in Greek, the language of the learned at that time. Then translated into Latin. Later they were translated into other languages, the first mass produced Bibles were printed in German then translated into English. Now there are literally dozens of translations being printed in hundreds of languages. And they are not all the same. They differ.

Take for example the Sixth Commandment; *Thou Shalt Not Kill ... or Slay ... or Murder?* One word. Huge difference. Many use “Kill” to include not only humans but animals and God's other creatures. Slay obviously applies only to man. Murder is different. Killing to defend yourself is not Murder. There are hundreds of men and women serving in the military because defending your country is not considered Murder. Still others believe that all killing is sin and become conscientious objectors.

*The “translation” makes a huge difference in what we define as “sin”. But what did Jesus really mean?*

I believe Jesus intended one set of “Laws” for all mankind. It's your job to study The Scriptures and understand what Jesus really meant. Because too often man missed what Jesus meant in The Bible.

God Bless!