

THE SUNDAY PAPER

Year A
6th SUNDAY
after
EPIPHANY

Jesus told his friends to be like salt in the world, and like light in the world. He meant that they should bring a new kind of goodness into the world, and shine God's love onto other people. In the next part of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus began to tell his friends more exactly what he meant.

A NEW KIND OF GOODNESS

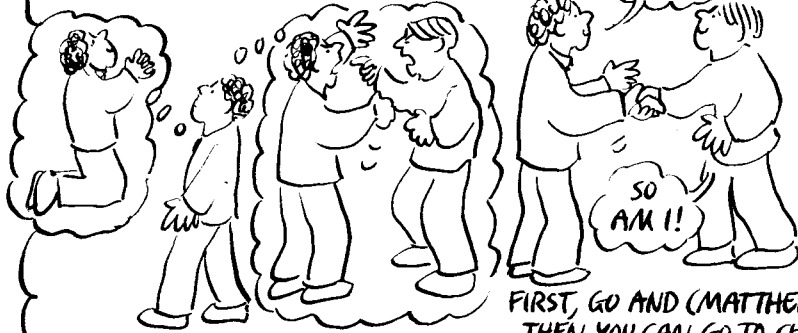
Matthew 5:21-37

JESUS WAS TELLING HIS FRIENDS HOW TO SHINE GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD!



BEING MEAN TO SOMEONE IS A LITTLE BIT LIKE KILLING THEM!

AND IF YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY TO CHURCH, AND YOU REMEMBER THAT THERE'S SOMEBODY YOU'RE ANGRY WITH...



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS TELL MARRIED PEOPLE NOT TO CHEAT ON EACH OTHER! BUT I SAY, EVEN IF YOU DON'T DO IT, IT'S JUST AS BAD IF YOU'RE ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT IT! SO IF SOMETHING IN YOUR LIFE IS MAKING YOU GO WRONG, GET RID OF THAT THING!



God made people able to choose between doing good things and doing bad things. The Bible tells us we can still make these choices. But since people began to disobey God, we often don't even want to do good. Jesus said that to really live as God's children, we need to want what God wants. And it is Jesus who can show us the way!

DEUTERONOMY
30:15 God says, "I have set before you life and death, good and evil"

PSALM 119:5
"Oh how I wish that my heart was right and I could keep all of God's laws"

"... YOU SHALL NOT STEAL... YOU SHALL NOT TELL LIES... YOU SHALL NOT DESIRE WHAT IS NOT YOURS..."

1 CORINTHIANS
3:7 "Only God can make you grow into what he wants you to become"