

Jesus & Old Testament Law

- the Old Testament understanding of 'law'
 - Torah*—instruction, guidance and direction.
 - law is God's good gift to his people (Deut 6:24; 10:13; Lev 18:5).
 - the 10 words (Exod 20 & Deut 5) & case law (e.g. Exod 20:22-23:33)
 - a context of grace (Exod 20:2; 19:4).
 - a high regard for the law throughout the OT

- the New Testament understanding of 'law'
 - two strands—the continuing application of the law, and its abrogation.
 - a positive role for the law
 - Jesus's teaching
 - Jesus' behaviour
 - yet he also sets it aside
 - Matt 5:17-19—what does it mean to 'fulfill' the law?

- the Christian and OT law
 - civil, ceremonial and moral?
 - no OT law applies unless the NT repeats it
 - all OT law applies unless the NT repeals it.
 - a proposal: all OT laws apply to us as scripture, but are not binding on us as law.
 - applying OT Law today: what did the law mean? What is the underlying principle? The impact of Jesus and the NT? What are appropriate ways of applying that principle today?

- some examples from Deuteronomy
 - Deut 22:8
 - Deut 21:18-21
 - Deut 24:19-22