Matthew Chapter Five

"Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish <u>the law of Moses</u> or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to <u>accomplish</u> their purpose. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of <u>God's law</u> will disappear until its purpose is achieved. So if you ignore the least commandment and teach others to do the same, you will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But anyone who obeys <u>God's laws</u> and teaches them will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.

"But I warn you—unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of <u>religious law</u> and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!

"You have heard that our ancestors were told, 'You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment. 'But <u>I say</u>, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell....



But I say unto you - Jesus being God as well as man John 1:1, John 1:14, and therefore, being the **original giver of the law** (Jesus is creator God Colossians 1:16; John 1:3;) had a right to expound it or change it as he pleased. Compare Matthew 12:6, Matthew 12:8. He therefore spoke here and elsewhere as having authority, and not as the scribes. It may be added here that no mere man ever spoke as Jesus did, when explaining or enforcing the law. Jesus did it as having a right to do it; and he that has a right to ordain and change laws in the government of God must be himself divine. (Barnes)

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Jesus is God for Jehovah Witness'

For Lord Jehovah (Kyrios) of the sabbath is what the Son of man is."

(Matthew 12:8 New World translation)

and every tongue should openly acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord Jehovah (Kyrios) to the glory of God the Father.

(Philippians 2:11 New World Translation)