

Sunday – January 13 – Lake Murray Church – 10:30 am

The religious leaders were upset because it seemed that Jesus was going against the Law of God. Jesus had this to say to them: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them, but to fulfill them" (Matthew 5:17). In other words, God had promised in his Word that the Messiah would enter this world to bring salvation.

There was a tree in The Garden that symbolized rebellion against God. Partakers of this tree would be their own gods. They will now declare what is good and evil. However, access to another tree would be denied: The Tree of Life. Jesus came to allow access back to The Tree of Life. "I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of the pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished" (Matthew 5:18).

It was only natural that the religious leaders would object to this statement from Jesus. We can't really blame them – it was only natural. Finally, they objected to Jesus to such a degree that they nailed him to a cross. This natural world cannot receive the truth that comes from God. However, once anyone bows and says "Yes" to Jesus, supernatural access to The Tree of Life is restored forever. This is what Jesus came to accomplish.

◆ Share the blessing – Bring a friend ◆

◆ Sunday school for children and adults from 9:30 am to 10:15 am ◆

◆ Church service starts at 10:30 am ◆

◆ King's Kids during the 10:30 am service ◆

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[across the street from Lake Murray Café and one block from Starbucks]