THE ANATOMY OF A MURDER MATTHEW 5:21-26 4-28-24

KEY THOUGHT: Righteousness in the Kingdom determines how you treat others.

I. THE FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH FOR HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS IS THE <u>WORTH</u> OF <u>ALL</u> HUMAN LIFE-(21)

"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, but anyone who murders will be subject to judgment."

II. THE REAL <u>TEST</u> OF HOW WELL WE RESPECT THE WORTH OF ANOTHER PERSON IS HOW WE TREAT THEM-(22)

"But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment..."

III. THERE ARE TWO WAYS BY WHICH WE MUST DEAL WITH THE SERIOUSNESS OF THIS SIN-(23-26)

A. There is a priority to making relationships right-(23-24)

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember..."

B. There is an <u>urgency</u> to making relationships right-(25-26)

"Settle matters quickly with your adversary who it taking you to court."