

## Jesus ~ the Bridge of Forgiveness

*So this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed." Isaiah 28:16*

How do you Trip Over or \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus?

It's in His unique \_\_\_\_\_ of the law in people's lives.

*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. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:17 & 20*

**How did *Jesus* fulfill the law differently than the Pharisees?**

He **L** \_\_\_\_\_ within God's will, not man's.

He **L** \_\_\_\_\_ people beyond their faults.

He always **L** \_\_\_\_\_ on God and nothing else.

*One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as His disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. Then He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath." Mark 2:23 & 27-28*

**Jesus** took man's view of the law

and put the \_\_\_\_\_ in it's proper place.

This brings those who believe \_\_\_\_\_!

## Where did Jesus move the accent to?

**R** \_\_\_\_\_ (*Blessed*) for doing what you're to do.

*For the Son of Man is going to come in His Father's glory with His angels, and then He will reward each person according to what he has done. Matthew 16:27*

*"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' Matthew 25:21*

Ordinary rules can emphasize what's been done wrong.  
Too often people recognize others by their wrong doing. [Identity / Labels]  
Offenses \_\_\_\_\_ us both mentally and emotionally.  
(whether victim or violator)

**R** \_\_\_\_\_ comes by returning to  
doing what you're to do.

**David:** [adultery—murder] Lead & Leave a Legacy *Acts 13:36*

**Peter:** [impulsive—denial] Shepherd God's Sheep *John 21:15-19*

**Paul:** [Persecuted Jesus] Reach the Gentiles *1 Tim. 1:16 & 2:7*

We're so often \_\_\_\_\_ up by Fear & Failure.

*There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. 1 John 4:18*

**R** \_\_\_\_\_ the Offenses / Offender into God's hands.

Our task, reflecting Jesus earthly ministry, is to mend, not punish. It takes \_\_\_\_\_. (Knowing God will respond)

*All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 2 Cor. 5:18*

**Optional Reading:** Faith does more than the Law (*14 chapters*)  
**Romans** 3, 6-9, 15-16 **1 Cor.** 1, **Galatians** 3 & 5,  
**Hebrews** 7, 9, 11 **1 Peter** 2