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Jesus' Teaching on the Law of Moses

Which way is more difficult to follow?

(All scripture is from the NIV)

The Torah	Sermon on the Mount
"Follow the letter of the Law," or "Be more righteous than the Pharisees and teachers of the Law"	
<p>Deut 4:1-2 1 Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. 2 Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.</p>	<p>Matt 5:17-20 17 "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. 18 I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. 19 Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 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."</p>
"Do not murder or you'll be executed," or "Do not be angry, or you'll go to hell."	
<p>Ex 20:13 You shall not murder. Ex 21:12 Anyone who strikes a man and kills him shall surely be put to death.</p>	<p>Matt 5:21-22 21 "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell."</p>
"Take lawsuits to the priests and judges," or "Settle matters before going to the priests and judges."	
<p>Deut 17:8-11 8 If cases come before your courts that are too difficult for you to judge--whether bloodshed, lawsuits or assaults--take them to the place the LORD your God will choose. 9 Go to the priests, who are Levites, and to the judge who is in office at that time. Inquire of them and they will give you the verdict. 10 You must act according to the decisions they give you at the place the LORD will choose. Be careful to do everything they direct you to do. 11 Act according to the law they teach you and the decisions they give you. Do not turn aside from what they tell you, to the right or to the left.</p>	<p>Matt 5:23-26 23 "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. 25 "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still with him on the way, or he may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. 26 I tell you the truth, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny."</p>
"Don't commit adultery," or "Don't even think about committing adultery."	
<p>Ex 20:14 You shall not commit adultery.</p>	<p>Matt 5:27-29 27 "You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' 28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart." (See also Proverbs 6:25-46)</p>
"It's adultery to remarry a twice-divorced person," or "Divorce equals adultery."	
<p>Deut 24:1-4 1 If a man marries a woman who becomes displeasing to him because he finds something indecent about her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, gives it to her and sends her from his house, 2 and if after she leaves his house she becomes the wife of another man, 3</p>	<p>Matt 5:31-32 31 "It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' 32 But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery."</p>

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and her second husband dislikes her and writes her a certificate of divorce, gives it to her and sends her from his house, or if he dies, 4 then her first husband, who divorced her, is not allowed to marry her again after she has been defiled. That would be detestable in the eyes of the LORD. Do not bring sin upon the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance.	
“Honor all oaths” or “Don’t make oaths.”	
Num 30:2 When a man makes a vow to the LORD or takes an oath to obligate himself by a pledge, he must not break his word but must do everything he said.	Matt 5:33-37 33 “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.’ 34 But I tell you, Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. 36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. 37 Simply let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.”
“Impose perfect justice” or “Give forgiveness.”	
Deut 19:21 Show no pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.	Matt 5:38-39 38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ 39 But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.”
“Don’t take collateral if it imposes hardship” or “Give even more than people want to take.”	
Ex 22:26 If you take your neighbor’s cloak as a pledge, return it to him by sunset.	Matt 5:40 “And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.”
“Execute kidnapers” or “Give kidnapers more than they demand.”	
Ex 21:16 Anyone who kidnaps another and either sells him or still has him when he is caught must be put to death.	Matt 5:41 “If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.”
“If you lend, charge no interest to the poor” or “Give to anyone who asks.”	
Ex 22:25 If you lend money to one of my people among you who is needy, do not be like a moneylender; charge him no interest.	Matt 5:42 “Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.”
“Love your neighbor, assist your enemy” or “Love your enemy, pray for your persecutors.”	
Lev 19:18 Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD. Ex 23:4-5 4 “If you come across your enemy’s ox or donkey wandering off, be sure to take it back to him. 5 If you see the donkey of someone who hates you fallen down under its load, do not leave it there; be sure you help him with it.	Matt 5:43-45 43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.”
“Be holy because God is holy” or “Be as perfect as God.”	
Lev 19:1-2 1 The LORD said to Moses, 2 “Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: ‘Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.	Matt 5:48 “Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

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