

Gospel of Matthew

- 1. Sermon on the mount**
- 2. Missionary Sermon**
- 3. Sermon of parables**
- 4. (open)**
- 5. Daily life of the church**

Key question in the community: What if someone in the community sins against you?

- **Defend yourself.**
- **Tell everybody in the community what they did.**
 - **Put it out on social media. Facebook, twitter**
- **Find a way to get even.**
 - **Beat their brains out.**
 - **Drop bombs on them?**

IN today's gospel CHRIST says that if your brother or sister sins against you, BE RECONCILED!

HOW?

- 1. The person who has been offended should sit down one on one.**

If that works, you have “won over” your brother

(another translation: “you have REGAINED your brother”)

- 2. If the person does not listen, take two or three witnesses along with you.**

3. If that does not work, tell the church.

4. If the person does not listen to the church, treat them as a tax collector or Gentile.

THE GOAL IS ALWAYS RECONCILIATION AND COMMUNION.

The goal is living in the communion of Father, Son and Spirit.

Another example from scripture: How many times should I forgive my brother, seven times? Parable on reconciliation. We have a God who is a God of mercy!

Comment on the “Our Father” (Matthew 18)

How much spent on bombs?

How little spent on negotiations and reconciling strategies.

How much spent on training military?

How little spent on training people for negotiations.

How much spent on wedding celebrations;

How little spent on preparing the couple on how to live together and working through disagreements.

If your brother or sister has a disagreement with you, go, leave your gift at the altar and first be reconciled with them, then come and offer your gift. (Matt 6)

Reconciliation: It is the Catholic thing to do!

Reconciliation: It proves we are a disciple of Jesus who gave his life so that we could be reconciled.