



# Is Murder Wrong?

MATTHEW 5:21-26

# Who was Charlie Kirk?

- ▶ A Political Activist
- ▶ A political fund-raiser and campaigner
- ▶ Founded "Turning Point USA" a political action committee
- ▶ Facilitated open debate on college campuses and other public forums
- ▶ Views were primarily political, faith-based, but argued logically.
- ▶ A supporter of Donald Trump
- ▶ An Outspoken Christian
- ▶ A Husband
- ▶ A Father
- ▶ Assassinated on September 10, 2025



# “Full Disclosure”

- ▶ I knew who Charlie Kirk, before his assassination.
- ▶ I know we had religious differences.
- ▶ I was not, am not, and will not be a “follower” of Charlie Kirk.
  - ▶ I already have a Teacher (Matthew 23:10)
  - ▶ I was not and am not a supporter of Turning Point USA, although now, I am considering it.
- ▶ I did admire his courage, his zeal, his knowledge and skill.



# Why Charlie Kirk?

- ▶ Why didn't I speak up when people like Ahmaud Arbury, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Rayshard Brooks or John and Yvette Hoffman, Melissa and Mark Hortman?
- ▶ Why didn't I speak out when there were two assassination attempts against Donald Trump?
- ▶ Unwarranted and abusive violence by those in power is wrong (Romans 13:1-7)
- ▶ There is no justification for murder, **ever**, no matter who is responsible or who is the victim.
- ▶ *This is different, the reaction to this assassination, has been abhorrent!*
- ▶ **We are living in a time where men are justifying murder.**



# Responses to His Murder

## From Supporters

- ▶ Shock
- ▶ Outrage
- ▶ Vigils
- ▶ Calls for Support
- ▶ Calls for Vengeance
- ▶ Call for Reciprocity

## From Detractors

- ▶ Rejoicing
- ▶ Justification
- ▶ Slander
- ▶ Mockery
- ▶ Calls for *additional* murders

# What are the Results?

- ▶ Charlie Kirk **has** been made a martyr.
- ▶ Some are “canonizing” Charlie Kirk
- ▶ Millions who never heard of Charlie Kirk, are not streaming his videos, podcasts, and purchasing his books.
- ▶ Since his assassination, Turning Point USA, has had more than 64,000 requests for new chapters in colleges and high schools.
- ▶ Thousands, perhaps millions will be donated to TPUSA, or similar causes in his memory.
- ▶ Other conservative speakers are emboldened by his assassination.
- ▶ Charlie’s family is broken.
- ▶ His wife is a widow
- ▶ His children are fatherless
- ▶ The assassin’s family is broken
- ▶ His parents are shamed
- ▶ The people who witnessed the event, live or online are traumatized.
- ▶ Those who rejoice over his assassination are displaying their abject wickedness.

# Murder versus Kill

Exo 20:13 NKJV "You shall not murder.

- ▶ **H7523**
- ▶ רָצַח
- ▶ raʿtsach
- ▶ *raw-tsakh'*
- ▶ A primitive root; properly to *dash* in pieces, that is, *kill* (a human being), especially to *murder*: - put to death, kill, (man-) slay (-er), murder (-er).
- ▶ **Total KJV occurrences: 47**

Exo 21:12 NKJV "He who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death.

- ▶ **H4191**
- ▶ מוּת
- ▶ muṯh
- ▶ *mooth*
- ▶ A primitive root; to *die* (literally or figuratively); causatively to *kill*: - X at all, X crying, (be) dead (body, man, one), (put to, worthy of) death, destroy (-er), (cause to, be like to, must) die, kill, necro [-mancer], X must needs, slay, X surely, X very suddenly, X in [no] wise.
- ▶ **Total KJV occurrences: 839**



# Murder in the scriptures

- ▶ Genesis 4:8-12 – The Murder of Abel
- ▶ Genesis 9:6 – Whoever Sheds Man's Blood
- ▶ Exodus 20:13 – You Shall Not Murder
- ▶ Romans 13:9 – The Apostle Paul
- ▶ James 2:11 - James

# Forms of Capital Punishment

- ▶ Stoning – Exodus 19:13; Leviticus 20:27
- ▶ Hanging (impalement) – Numbers 25:4; Deuteronomy 21:22
- ▶ Burning – Genesis 38:24; Leviticus 21:9
- ▶ Sword, Spear or arrow – Exodus 19:12; 32:37; Number 25:7
- ▶ **Would we consider any of these humane today?**



# Capital Offenses Under the Law

- ▶ Child Sacrifice – Leviticus 20:2
- ▶ Sorcery – Leviticus 20:27
- ▶ Blasphemy – Exodus 20:7; Leviticus 24:7
- ▶ Sabbath-Breaking – Exodus 31:14
- ▶ Murder – Exodus 21:12
- ▶ Striking a parent – Exodus 21:15
- ▶ Cursing Parents – Exodus 21:17
- ▶ Kidnapping – Deuteronomy 24:7
- ▶ Homosexuality – Leviticus 20:13
- ▶ Incest – Leviticus 20:11ff
- ▶ Bestiality – Exodus 22:19
- ▶ Unchastity before Marriage – Deut. 22:21
- ▶ False Prophecy – Deuteronomy 13:5
- ▶ False Testimony
- ▶ Adultery

# Capital Punishment in the New Testament

- ▶ “Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. (2) Therefore, whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. (3) For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. **(4) For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.** (5) Therefore, you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. (6) For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. (7) Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are *due*, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.” **(Romans 13:1-7 NKJV)**



**Pastor Howard John Wesley  
of Alfred Street Baptist  
Church in Alexandria, VA  
demonized Charlie Kirk,  
calling him evil!**

## A Christian's Reaction

- ▶ I am **incensed** that religious leaders are justifying murder!
  - ▶ They are **cowards**!
  - ▶ They are wicked! (Isaiah 5:20)
- ▶ Murder is sinful.
- ▶ **There is no justification for murder.**
- ▶ To rejoice over murder is to be complicit in murder (Matthew 5:21-22; Romans 1:32; Ephesians 5:11)