

Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

Sunday Service — June 26, 2022

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New Testament Reading: [Matthew 5:43-48](#)

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What did the crowds do different than the Pharisees?

Jesus, instead of raining hellfire down on the Pharisees then and there, what did he do consistent with the mission as prophesized by Isaiah? ([Matthew 12:16-21](#))

Why do you think Jesus' mother and (step) brothers wanted to speak to him about? ([Matthew 12:46-47](#))

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