Trustworthy Speech

Matthew 5:33-37 (series #29)

Introduction: the trial of Jesus in Matthew 26:57-68

I. The Teachings of the Rabbis v. 33

- A. "...it was said by them of old time."
- B. Swearing by some things is non-binding

II. The Teaching of Jesus vv. 34-37

A. His authority - "but I say unto you"

B. His message

- 1. Not a condemnation of all oaths
 - a. Acts 2:30
 - b. Hebrews 6:13
 - c. Numbers 30:2
- 2. "Your word ought to be trustworthy"
- 3. It's a heart issue a. Matt. 23:16-24
 - b. Isaiah 29:13; Matthew 15:8
- 4. When we lie, we are like Satan-Jn. 8:44

Concluding applications: Psalm 15:1-4