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(During the following, JESUS gives the others an insignia to show they are his “apostles”: a costume piece, badge, or make-up on their faces, etc.)

JESUS

Now, do not suppose that I have come to abolish the Law and the prophets. I did not come to abolish but to complete. I tell you this: So long as heaven and earth endure not a letter, not a stroke will disappear from the Law until all that must happen has happened. If any man, therefore, sets aside even the least of the Law's demands he will have the lowest place in the kingdom of Heaven.

(A disappointed reaction from all.)

(JESUS)

But he who keeps the law and teaches others so, he will have the highest place in the kingdom of Heaven.

(A joyous reaction from all.)

SCENE TWO

(JESUS)

There once was a judge...

(JESUS selects a CAST MEMBER to play the JUDGE.)

...Who cared nothing for God nor man... And in the same town there was a widow...

(JESUS now selects another CAST MEMBER to play the WIDOW.)

...who constantly came before him demanding justice against her rival. For a long time he refused, but in the end he said to himself...

JUDGE

"True. I care nothing for God nor man. But this widow is so great a nuisance, I will see her righted before she wears me out with her persistence."

JESUS

You hear what the unjust judge says: and will not God vindicate his chosen, who cry out to him day and night while he sits listening patiently to them?

OTHERS

Will he, Jesus? Will he, will he? *(et al)*

JESUS

I tell you, he will vindicate them, soon enough.

OTHERS

Yay!

(JESUS selects a NARRATOR for the next parable.)