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Die Gerechtigkeit der Tora im Reich des Messias

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How can righteousness be achieved? Through the Torah or through Christ? In the Gospel of Matthew it is the Messiah, Jesus Son of David, who is God's only agent for the fulfillment of »all righteousness«. If this is the case, the question is what is the function of the Torah when the kingdom of God is to appear. Roland Deines demonstrates the Matthean understanding of the new place and function of the Torah in the kingdom of the Messiah through a detailed exegesis of the crucial text Matthew 5:13–20 in the context of the whole gospel. It becomes clear that Matthew is not the advocate of a law-abiding community but a theologian with a genuine profile who is able to show that the new message of Jesus signifies a transformation and not a straight continuation or a nullification of the biblical writings regarded as »law and prophets«.

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